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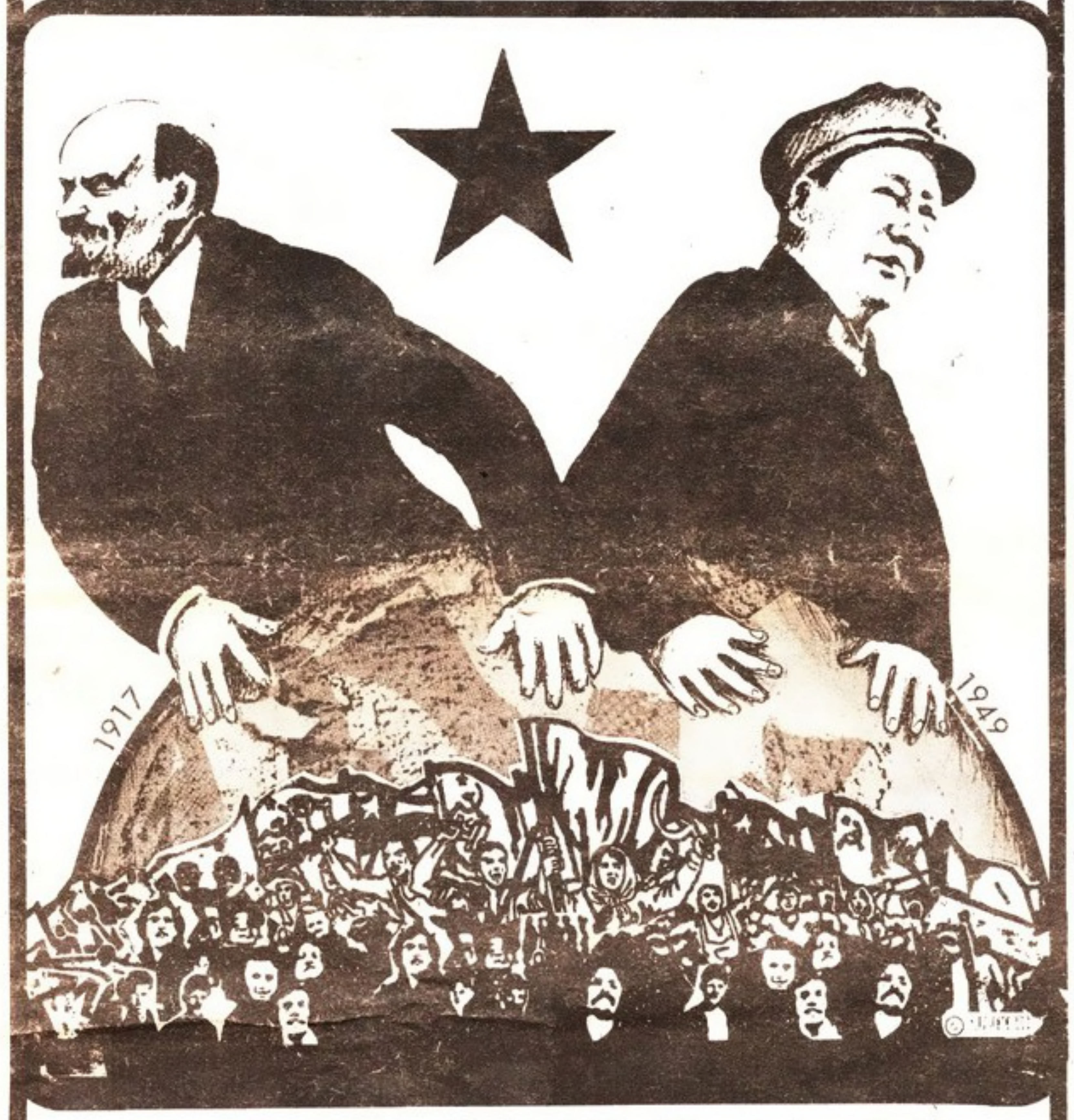

Victory to the World's Proletariat!

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Black Unemployment Soars to Record Levels

Last month, with the opening of a new supermarket on the South Side of Chicago,, job applicants stood in a line which stretched around the block. In Indianapolis, recently, over 5,000 people from all over the the midwest came to apply for 200 jobs in an auto plant. Earlier this summer in New York City, thousands of young people waited all night to apply for government summer jobs. Only hundreds even got to fill out applications.

The stories go on and on. And unemployment continues to soar. While the national jobless rate grew to 7.1 percent in August, among Black workers the unemployment rate rose to 14.5 percent. This equals the highest post-World War II record.

For Black youth in particular, joblessness is most acute. Offical labor department statistics report unemployment is over 40 percent for young Blacks. But knowledgable leaders in the Black community say that as many as 2 out of every 3 teenagers is unable to find work.

Why does this high unemployment continue to exist? High unemployment is a reflection of the international crisis of imperialism. In spite of optimistic bourgeois economic reports, the world-wide depression of the early 1970's continues. U.S. markets continue to shrink, and more workers get thrown out into the streets. Also, this constant fear of joblessness can be used by the bourgeoisie to keep workers in line. They try to use the threat of the many unemployed to combat worker's rage against speed-ups on the line. And they believe that the threat of unemployment can be used to prevent workers from joining together, forming unions and struggling against their exploitation. In fact, it is impossible for the capitalist system to ever provide full employment. Only socialism can provide this. But the capitalist class will never admit it. Instead, they are trying to shift the burden of their economic crisis onto the backs of the multi-national working class. To do this they must keep the working class divided and incapable of fighting back.

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While unemployment is a continual problem for all workers under capitalism, it hits hardest at Blacks and other national minorities.

—STAND WITH THE MINERS!—

Steelworkers and miners have a long history of close connections and common struggle, and there is a strong material basis for unity between these two industrial detachments of the proletariat. That unity must be called into action now.

The United Mine Workers of America are taking the main blows in the present capitalist attack on the trade union movement, and this attack is being lead by the same companies who employ steelworkers.

Capitalist Attacks

The coal industry is undergoing its most significant change since the mines were mechanized around 1950. Production is rising and will increase by 2/3 by 1985 under the new energy program. The oil monopolies are rapidly gaining control of the coal market (they own 50% of the coal reserves and are buying major coal companies).

The capitalists' goal of energy self-sufficiency is tied to their preparation for imperialist war against the Soviet Union. Capitalists have decided that the UMW must be smashed or crippled to achieve this. Carter's new energy program provides the means to do this. It calls for the use of federal troops in the coalfields during national strikes.

About one year ago, the chairman of US Steel stated that the UMW should be placed in trusteeship by the federal government. If there is a long national steel strike, US Steel and other coal operators are likely to ask Congress to do just that. It is also US Steel which has filed damage suits against the UMW which threaten to break the union financially. These suits are filed for wildcat strikes which violate the mandatory arbitration provisions of the current contract. (The grievance and arbitration procedure is so cumbersome that miners must strike to win their rights.) The immediate enemy of steelworkers – US Steel –– is also the very company that leads the attack on the coal miners.

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EDITORIALS

Smash the White Chauvinist Campaign

The campaign of reactionary terror in Chicago has now resulted in the death of a young Black child. Mellaine Turner died from an attack of sickle cell anemia that was brought on because of extreme stress. This young child died repeating the taunts of the white chauvinists outside of her school, "Go back, go back, go back where you belong."

The murder of this child, like the murder of many other Black children, is the result of national oppression and capitalism. The white reactionary forces in the working class are objectively helping the capitalists maintain their rule.

We sharply condemn the murder of Mellaine Turner and the continued harassment of other Black school children who are participating in the school transfer program in Chicago.

Since school has opened, there has been a mounting reactionary campaign. The bourgeoisie has provided only "limited protection" for the children. They now say those who picket and jeer the Black children must remain across the street from the schools. But this is no protection from the daily intimidation that these children still face. We call for the complete end of these KKK and Nazi-inspired protests against integration.

The stand of the working class on this question is clear; reactionaries have no right to intimidate, harass and murder our children. They must and will be stopped!

We especially call on white parents and students to come forward and militantly defend multi-national unity and to condemn the reactionary campaign being waged.

We must go to the school board, the trade unions and other mass organizations and pass resolutions demanding that all of the reactionary demonstrations be stopped and proper defense be provided for our children.

But this is only a short term measure. In the long run, we must rely upon the working class, led by its vanguard communist party. The MLOC recognizes that we must work with all due speed in preparing the class consciousness and forms of organization to lead the working class in meeting this reactionary violence with revolutionary violence. This is our only guarantee that fascism and all reaction will be smashed.

There can be no room for complacency on the question of multi-national unity and defense of our children. We must wage an all out campaign to force the retreat and ultimately the defeat of all reaction.

Smash the Campaign of White Chauvinism!

Defend Multi-national Unity!

Denise McNair

Addie Collins

Carole Robertson

Cynthia Wesley

The 1963 bombing of a Birmingham church killed four young Black girls. There is a link between bombs in Birmingham and brick and vicious taunts in Chicago—national oppression of Black people. The people will avenge these and all other attacks on our children.

Normalize Relations with China

Recently, the Communist Party of China held their 11th Party Congress. The Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee sends warm greetings to the CPC and the Chinese people on the conclusion of this occasion.

The Chinese people, led by their vanguard party overthrew capitalism and reaction and successfully established socialism. We wholeheartedly wish the CPC and the Chinese peoples continued success in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Here in the U.S., as a part of building support for and friendship with the Chinese peoples and the CPC, we must demand that the U.S. government normalize relations with the Peoples Republic of China. This normalization must not be put off any longer. Along with this demand, we must also demand that all aid to the reactionary ruling clique in Taiwan be cut off. The course of Taiwan is an internal affair of the Chinese peoples and not for the bourgeoisie of the U.S. to meddle in.

It will only be through continued pressure by the working class and all progressive peoples throughout the world that this will be accomplished. This is a correct and just demand and a part of our proletarian internationalist duty.

On the anniversary of the great October Revolutions we stand firmly behind this demand of the Chinese peoples.

U.S. Out of Taiwan!

Congratulations to Viet Nam!

The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee sends warm congratulations to the Vietnam Workers Party and the Vietnamese peoples on the occasion of their entry into the United Nations.

The admission of Vietnam to the UN is an important victory for the world's peoples for now another socialist country is represented in this arena of international political struggle.

The U.S. bourgeoisie three times vetoed the entrance of Vietnam into the UN. While the admission of Vietnam is one victory over this policy of the U.S. bourgeoisie, there is another one that still remains. The U.S. government must be forced to pay the war reparations which were agreed to in the Paris accords. The task of reconstruction in Vietnam is enormous and the reparations must be paid immediately.

The U.S. working class and all progressive peoples have for many years stood beside the Vietnamese in their struggles against imperialism. We welcome this victory in the UN and pledge our continuing support for the just demands of the Vietnamese.

Pay the War Debt!

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Dear Editor,

As the drought in the West continues, the capitalists also continue to protect their profits. Water rationing began in the spring around the San Francisco Bay Area. Since that time, water consumption has been cut approximately 30% by the efforts of the masses of people. Along with this consumption cut, water bills have dropped.

Because people are consuming less, and so their bills are less, the water company has threatened to raise its rates. Water conservation has been cutting into the water company's profits. It is clear that profits are more important to the water company than supplying water to people.

This is just another example that capitalists are only interested in their profits. Only under socialism will water and other necessary services be supplied, not for profit, but for the people.

From a friend and reader
of **Unite!** in California

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO MY FAMILIES

I am formulating this message to express my deep appreciation to the peoples thats been real strenuous within the struggle to liberate me and many others that has been victimized by this corrupted system.

While here reminiscing about the incident that occurred and eventually led up to my state of incarceration, etc.

I couldn't help but to take advantage of this leisure time in formulating these words on paper so I could share these tender feelings in my heart with those of you that have interpolated to me the real actuality of love.

If you've noticed the title- - -; I addressed this message to my "Families". Well all of you have become and been like a real family to me. There are Mothers & Fathers I have never seen and Brothers & Sisters I've never met, but inspite of this you good people took time out from your own personal problems and came to my aid in my hours of despair.

Everyone of you in some form or fashion have by all means contributed to my livelihood and have shower me with kindness, and with undivided concern to the utmost.

And I want you all to know I've never had faith in the judicial system, because the laws are prescribe for the Blacks and especially the poor people here in capitalist amerikkka.

My faith lies within the people, I am depending upon you my Family to liberate me from bondage.

And while I am being held in this institution by the forces of this state, I will continue to deal realistically with the social factors that impede my wholesomeness under the power of my known adversary.

My Comrades, I am determine to incessantly retain the volition to triumph!! By any means necessary.

I would like to extend my love and solidarity to the Mothers & Fathers, Brothers & Sisters, and my special thanks to you beloved people for standing by me and others like The Wilmington Ten, Dessie X Woods, the Dawson Five, Joann Little, Kenny Johnson, Yvonne Wanrow, Inez Garcia, Frank Shufords, Delbert Tibbs, Rubin H. Carter and John Artis, etc, etc, etc. (Thank you)

Where there is a soul in prison
I am not free.

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Letter from a Correspondent:

THE POLYURETHANE DANGER

A case of capitalist greed
and callousness

On July 12, 1976, Congressman Christopher Dodd (D-CT.) witnessed a fire testing of a polyurethane mattress done by Brooklyn, Conn. Fire Marshall Paul D. Kisby. The poly-foam mattress was completely consumed in three minutes, giving off intense heat and gaseous cyanide smoke. Dodd was being strongly urged by a Connecticut newpaper, the Norwich Bulletin, to tighten federal consumer standards on polyurethane following the horrible deaths of two young prisoners in their jail cells. The Bulletin had initially been alerted to the polyurethane danger by prisoner Alexander DeSimone, a witness to one of the burning deaths.

Polyurethane mattresses, produced by the powerful petro-chemical industry, replaced cotton mattresses in most state institutions in the country around twenty years ago. The petro-chemical giants had managed lower federal flammability standards so that polyurethane was not required to be exposed to an open flame. The industry is still putting heavy pressure on congressmen, through their lobbyists, to prevent a raising of the federal flammability standards. And, to date, the federal Consumer Products Safety Commission refuses to raise the standards. Meanwhile, hundreds of prisoners, mental patients, orphans, geriatric patients, and others in state institutions, have been roasted alive in polyurethane fueled fires.

In Connecticut, on May 13, 1974, prisoner Lawton Clinkscales survived a fire in his cell at the Bridgeport "Correctional" Center. But Clinkscales, a 17-year-old, suffered second and third degree burns over 35% of his body, mostly his upper torso. The burns have affected him for life, physically and psychologically, according to his attorney. This young man was the victim of another prisoner's arson attempt. As he slept, the other prisoner threw burning paper into his cell, setting the polyurethane mattress on fire.

In April, 1975, a prisoner at the Brooklyn "Correctional" Center died in a polyurethane fueled fire. Robert Gagnon had been cooked alive, "his burned clothing and skin falling off" as he was carried to a first aid station in the jail, after screaming for help for at least 15 minutes before guards finally went to his assistance.

On November 10, 1975, prisoner Gregory H. Klepack died in a fatal fire in his cell in the New Haven "Correctional" Center. The smoke and intense heat from the burning poly-foam mattress combined to hamper rescue attempts. When the heat subsided, Klepack was found burned over 90% of his body. He died in agony a short while later.

Gregory Klepack didn't smoke. He had previously set fires in his cell. He had been confined to mental hospitals on three separate occasions. Dr. Joel S. Albert, a psychiatrist consultant with the Department of "Correction" had recommended prior to the fire that Klepack be removed to a state mental hospital. There have as yet been no satisfactory answers to why this mentally disturbed boy was in a jail cell, with matches although he didn't smoke, with a polyurethane mattress, when he was supposed to be in a mental hospital.

In other parts of the country, polyurethane fueled fires have taken the lives of nearly 70 people in jails in Tennessee and Canada in the last few months. The Maury County jail fire in Tennessee killed 34 prisoners and eight visitors on June 26, 1977. The fire broke out

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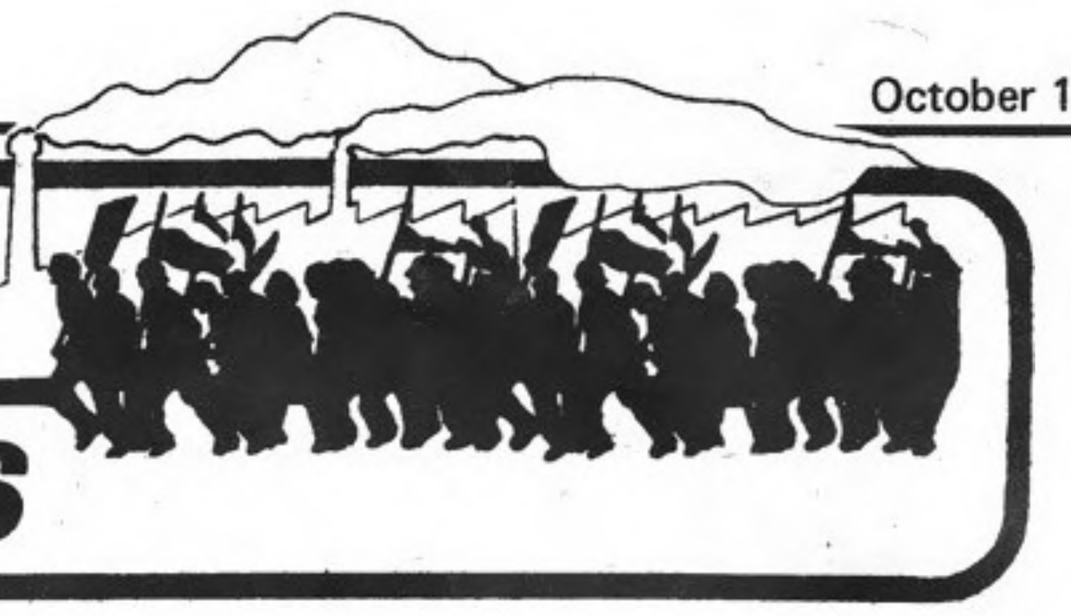
SHARPEN THE STRUGGLE IN THE TRADE UNIONS



Essex

Striking workers at Essex Corporation in Elwood, Indiana, have voted over 2-1 to continue their strike until the company meets their demands. Members of United Auto Workers, Local 1663, they have been on strike for five months. Essex, a notorious union-busting company, also has plants being struck near Detroit and in Ontario, Canada. The workers, 80% of whom are women, want a wage increase over the meagre $2.76 an hour they now earn, a pension plan, adequate sick pay, and full maternity benefits.

The strikers have faced armed guards and company scabs brought into Essex from as far away as Indianapolis (40 miles). They have been harassed and beaten on the picket line. A woman who was shot in the back by imported special guards is still unable to walk.

State police patrol the area and help scabs crash the picket lines at the plant's gates. Several months ago workers took up arms to keep scabs out in an effort to prevent a decertification election. They have pledged not to surrender.

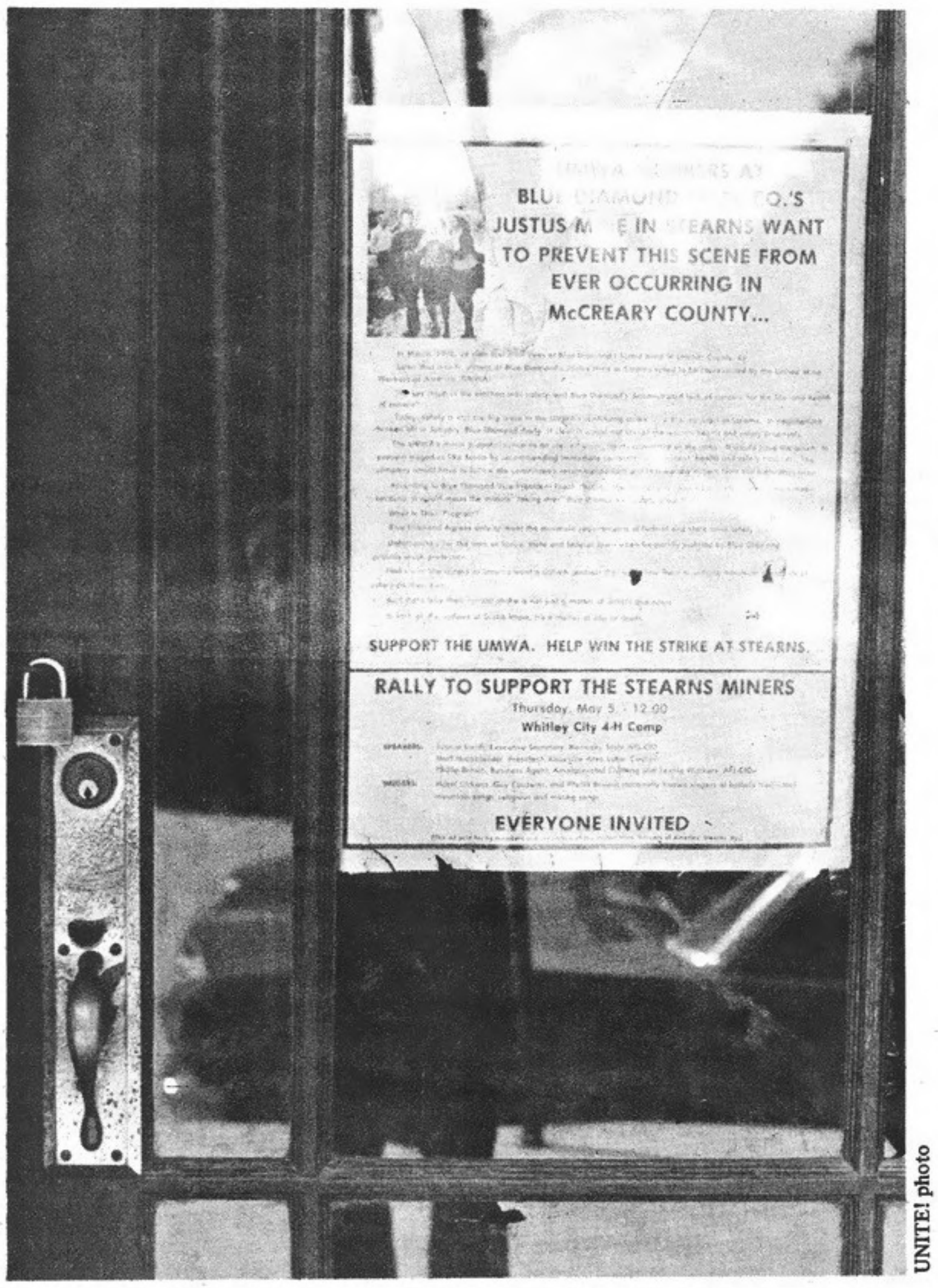
OCAW

The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) have called for immediate curbs on exposure to chemical pesticide DBCP (dibromochloropropane) which has caused sterility among dozens of workers and is a "suspected" carcinogen (cancer-causing substance). DBCP is suspected of causing cancer of the stomach, liver, kidneys, and bone marrow.

In petitioning the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for emergency temporary standards on DBCP, OCAW said that the chemical is a known hazard to humans and animals. Ten workers in California and 12-14 workers in Arkansas who produce the chemical have become sterile. California has banned use of the chemical.

Though OCAW is calling for limited exposure, workers should demand a complete ban of this dangerous substance. As long as capitalists control production for their profit, workers' lives will be needlessly subjected to chemical and physical hazards. Workers must demand that their unions immediately take up the real struggle to protect their health.

Miners...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In spite of broken windows and bullets, Stearns miners have stood firm. Stand with the miners, our class brothers and sisters!

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Negotiations with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) have begun. The current contract expires December 6th but a national strike may begin sooner because of cuts in the health funds and also because of threatened cuts in pensions.

The coal operators will seek to jam a sell-out contract down the miners' throats and will push for no-strike clauses. They have threatened to refuse to sign a national contract with the UMW.

It is a virtual certainty that Miller will negotiate a sell-out contract. His lack of preparation for negotiations and the failure to organize new coal mines make this likely.

RCP Leads Miners into Capitalists' Ambush

Steelworkers often express admiration of the miners' strikes because they represent the kind of action steelworkers feel the need for . But it is important that each strike be assessed for its tactical value. It is very likely that the timing of the health benefit cuts was a deliberate tactic of the companies. The length of these strikes has left many miners in debt, with mortgages being foreclosed on their homes and cars, and with no savings with which to sustain themselves in the upcoming national strike for a good contract this winter. The capitalists in general, and the coal operators in particular, did little complaining about the recent wildcat strikes, knowing full well that the strikes combined with the health fund cuts drastically weakened the ability of the rank and file to sustain a long strike. The rank and file is bitterly divided over the length and methods of initiation of those recent strikes for that reason.

Opportunists calling themselves communists must bear a large part of the responsibility for leading the rank and file miners right into the capitalists' ambush. The Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) has a long history of distorting Marxism-Leninism and is distinguished for its treacherous misuse of tactics. The RCP sees strikes as an end in themselves. **What is more, since the RCP almost always fails to explain the real political aim of any strike, this glorification of strikes is nothing more than scrambling along behind the spontaneous outbursts of class struggle, instead of providing communist political and tactical leadership to the workers.**

The RCP, through its influence in rank and file organizations like the Miners' Right to Strike Committee, often spreads strikes through the opportunistic use of roving "stranger pickets". Just one such picketer can close down a mine because of the historical and correct tradition miners have of never crossing a picket line. But since the miners often don't know why there are picket lines at their mine, such action often amounts to abusing the honest proletarian principles of the miners in the interests of building the RCP's organizations. (In this case, the RCP put forward through its United National Workers Organization that it had led 80,000 miners in the Miners' Right to Strike Committee!) In the recent strikes, the RCP used this tactic in West Virginia after a majority of the miners wanted to return to work. Objectively, the RCP is spreading anti-communism through the coalfields because of these activities.

Miner–Steelworker Unity Needed

In the imminent national coal strike, steelworkers must support the miners and must resist the attempt to split workers. It is not coal miners who cause steelworkers to lose their jobs, but the capitalists' drive for profits.

Workers of all industries must mobilize to support miners in their struggle to save their union and get a good national contract. If the capitalists succeed in breaking the UMW, they will soon step up their efforts to cripple the rest of our unions.

Stand with the Miners!
Defend the UMW!
Organize the Unorganized!

Defend the Stearns Strikers!

Miners at the Blue Diamond Co.'s Stearns Mine in southeastern Kentucky have been on strike for 15 months seeking a UMW contract. The strikers are waging a militant fight against company gun thugs and the bourgeois state in the form of the courts, the NLRB, and state and federal police (see the August and September issues of UNITE! for details).

Thirty-one people are facing trial on felony charges in Whitley City, Kentucky, starting October 25. The incidents involved began as an armed attack by company gun thugs on a striker's house and most of those indicted were not even present. Money is needed for the legal defense and also to provide support in addition to strike benefits. Contributions may be sent to:

Stearns Strikers
c/o Miners Legal Defense Fund
1521 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

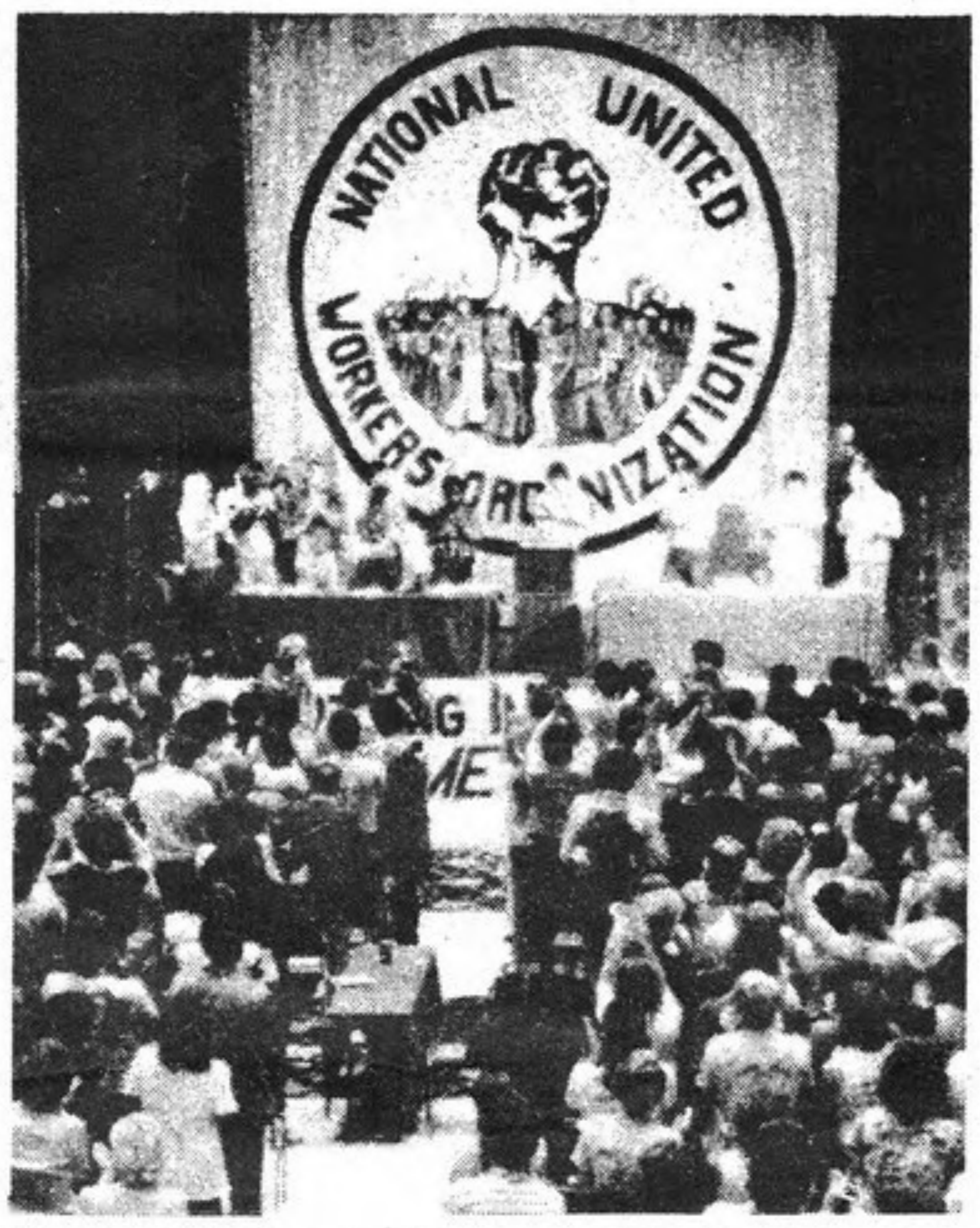
THE RCP'S NATIONAL UNITED WORKERS ORGANIZATION

NUWO: Dual-Unionism and Betrayal of the Party

With the cost of living having doubled in the last 10 years, cutbacks in wages and benefits in labor contracts have led to strikes across the country. The bourgeoisie has retaliated with savage attacks in the form of mass layoffs, union-busting drives and unemployment insurance cutbacks. Underhandedly, they encourage the growth of the Ku Klux Klan, Nazis, and other fascist groups, especially in the Black Belt South. The goal is to win over the most backward elements of our class, divide us along national lines and intimidate us with fascist terror. Imperialist war has always been the temporary solution for capitalism in crisis. Preparations for a third world war are today underway.

Such are the conditions facing the U.S. working class. Strikes, struggles against the trade union misleaders, struggles by national minorities and women for democratic rights, and an upsurge of resistance among the masses of the Black Belt Nation are all an indication of the fighting mood of the class.

In this situation, what does the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) offer the U.S. working class?



The NUWO is a dual-unionist organization. As a revisionist organization it is doomed to failure. It takes more than well orchestrated pep rallys to defeat imperialism, it takes Marxism-Leninism.

Labor Day weekend in Chicago gave us the latest glimpse of the RCP's continued trek down the path of right opportunism and revisionism. On September 3rd and 4th, the founding congress of the National United Workers Organization (NUWO) concluded months of work by RCP cadre, contacts in their mass organizations and their contacts on the shop floor. The RCP has built the NUWO because the working class needs, in their view, "a unified center of leadership, a united force of active fighters from the working class able to mobilize the strength and power of millions of workers in key battles...capable of waging major fights nationwide, as well as local fights, in every major industry...around the key social issues of the day." (A National Workers Organization, A Powerful Weapon of Our Class, RCP Pamphlet, page 4).

Clearly this is true. But the essential question remains. What form of organization does the class need? And who is to provide the leadership?

Verdict on the NUWO

No matter how sincere, or energetic the people involved in the NUWO are (for the spirit of the congress was that of a pep rally), in the final analysis, this new organization is doomed to failure. The building of such an organization strikingly illuminates the RCP's revisionism on two fundamental questions of Marxism-Leninism – the role of the party as vanguard of the class, and the role of the trade unions as mass organizations of the class. Rather than actively and fearlessly taking up the fight inside the trade unions in an all around way to kick out the trade union bureaucrats and win over the masses of workers to the side of the communist party, the RCP has built the NUWO both to usurp the party's role as the leader of the day to day struggles of the class, and the trade unions' role as the basic fighting organizations of the class, for both the immediate demands and the long term goal of socialism.

Role of the Trade Unions

Of the organizations the class needs to "mobilize the strength and power of millions of workers", "wage major battles", and fights around the "key social issues" one already exists. This is the trade unions. The other, the party, does not yet eixst. The NUWO is clearly a dual-unionist organization, no matter how hard the RCP bends over backwards saying it is not. Examining their work in steel over the past year will give a good example.

Their work consisted of actively supporting Ed Sadlowski's campaign for union president. Rather than fighting hard, agitating and propagandizing about the need to transform the steelworkers' union into a rank and file fighting organization, and kick out the trade union misleaders (including Sadlowski), they supported him uncritically during the long months of the campaign. At the same time, they put their major effort into building support for the NUWO among their contacts in the USW. Rather than fighting hard inside, they objectively pulled workers outside the union, splitting the union .

Their splitting work in the USW is consistent with their syndicalist line on the trade unions. They have built their own organizations for miners, the Miners Right to Strike Committee, one for autoworkers, the Autoworkers United to Fight, and so on in many major industries. So instead of waging struggle in the unions for class conscious leadership they have pulled workers into these organizations to challenge the existing unions.

Long ago Stalin condemned this kind of splitting activity.

> "Over there in the west, there are still individual 'communists' who refuse to understand this particular specific feature and continue to make play with the anti-proletarian and anti-revolutionary slogan: 'Leave the trade unions!' It must be said that nobody can do more harm to the communist movement in the west than these and similar 'communists'. Regarding the trade unions as the enemy camp, these people contemplate 'attacking' them from without. They fail to realize that if they pursue such a policy the workers will indeed regard them as the enemy. They fail to understand that the trade unions, whether good or bad, are regarded by the rank and file worker as his fortress, which help him to protect his wages, hours and so forth."(On the Opposition, page 202).

Stalin continues, "Hence, the main task of the Communist Parties in the west at the present time is to develop and bring to a successful conclusion the campaign for trade union unity, to see that all communists without exception join the trade unions, to work in them systematically and patiently for uniting the working class against capital, and in this way to enable the Communist Parties to have the backing of the trade unions.

The trade unions are the most basic, broadest working class organizations. They are the organizing centers for developing class consciousness and leading the class struggle. Their role must be to take up and fight for the day to day demands, both the economic demands on the shop floor and the key social issues of the day. The struggles of the unemployed, of national minorities and women, and struggles such as the fight to free the Dawson 5 are all issues for the trade unions. In addition, the trade unions must actively take up the fight for socialism.

As the educating, organizing and mobilizing center in the class struggle, the trade unions are the reservoir from which the party draws its ranks. They serve as the "transmission belts", linking the party and the entire mass of workers. The larger they are, the greater are the potential supporters and recruits for the party. **Any policy that splits the unions, or narrows their influence, weakens the party's ties with the masses and isolates it from the class. This is precisely what the RCP has done when it built the NUWO to take up the rightful tasks of the trade unions.**

Role of the Party

A genuine communist party is a political party of a new type, very different from bourgeois political parties. It is made up of the most dedicated, capable working class fighters. The party leads the day to day economic struggles through its secret factory nuclei in the shops, secret fractions in the trade unions, and participation in trade union caucuses. It leads the struggle of the working masses for democratic rights, against fascist terror, etc. But in the struggle for the short term goals, the party never loses sight of the ultimate aim – the seizure of political power for the working class. The party must link up these two, correctly handling the relation between the struggle for reform and the struggle for revolution.

When the RCP assigns the NUWO the task of leading the day to day struggles, from coast to coast, among the unemployed, for democratic rights and against fascist terror, the RCP is giving up its "leading" role as a vanguard party.

Pessimism and Passivity

The souce of the RCP's revisions of these essential questions of the revolution stems from their view of the objective situation of the working class today. While tremendous confusion and vacillation on this question is evidenced in their Central Committee report in the May Issue of REVOLUTION, the essense is their assessment of the situation as "non-revolutionary". While it is true the state of the struggle today is not one of manning the barricades, the principal aspect of this epoch is that of proletarian revolution. As Albanian comrade Enver Hoxha has said, "The world is at a stage when the question of the revolution and national liberation is not just an aspiration and a perspective, but a problem taken up for solution." (Hoxha, The Theory and Practice of the Revolution, page 2).

Seeing the U.S. as an exception, apparently, the RCP has made the question of revolution merely an aspiration. They have assessed the majority of the U.S. working class too "bourgeoisified". In their view, the class is not ready to take up the struggle for socialism. This is essentially the line of the "whole working class is bribed" stripe. In

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Steel Production and War Preparation

During WWI the labor of steelworkers created fantastic profits for the capitalists For steelworkers there were deaths and inflation.

The threat of a third imperialist war is increasing daily. Politically, the U.S. government is trying to prepare us for such a war through "human rights" issues, neutron bombs, and cruise missiles. Economically, the U.S. steel industry is preparing for such a war also, as it has in all past imperialist wars.

Historically, the steel industry has played a major role in all of the U.S. war efforts. During WWI, the steel industry was able to nearly double its output from 26,335,000 tons in 1914 to 50,468,000 in 1917. But much to the dismay of the capitalists, very little of that steel actually was able to aid the war effort because there was no understanding of how to mobilize the whole economy, from the mills to the finished product, for the war effort.

Determined not to make the same mistake twice, U.S. capitalists, including especially those in the steel industry, began their preparations for a second imperialist war early. They began with the construction of new mills, preparing them for a switch-over to war production, and, in addition, bought other steel-related industries such as shipbuilding. Most of all, they pushed for increased production.

To supply U.S. industries with steel for war production during WWII, steel mills had increased production by 70% by 1944. But while the steel industry was building and converting its facilities to war production, it also helped others prepare too. It built shipyards, power plants and lines, airplane hangers and plants for manufacturing aircraft, tanks, and landing mats for runways. The steel industry provided military structures such as pre-fab buildings for camps in this country as well as bases around the world.

Between 1929 and 1945, the United States Steel Corporation (USS) invested $900 million in war preparations. The U.S. government invested $500 million in steel mills and foundries for USS alone between 1940 and 1945. Two major results of government subsidies to USS were the construction of the largest foundry in the West, located in Pittsburgh, Ca., and the largest complete steel mill west of Gary, constructed in Geneva, Utah. USS formed a new subsidiary, Geneva Steel Co. to operate this plant for the government. This plant cost $200 million to build and became the property of USS after the war.

This ability of the steel industry to mobilize their resources and technology for the war effort brought them tremendous profits. (See box). And during imperialist war, the capitalists make tremendous profits on the actual war production itself. After the war, however, profits decrease. This is because of the decrease in war production and also because it takes some time for the capitalists to consolidate their hold on the new markets won for their exploitation in the war. To compensate for this decrease in profits after WWII, the steel industry struck a deal with the U.S. government that guaranteed them profits 29% above the level of peacetime. This was in effect for two years after the end of the war.

In contrast to all of this profit the steelworker wage rates increased only by 15% and the cost of living rose 45% during the years 1940-1945. The steelworkers made the major contribution to increased production and increased profits for the steel industry. Yet all they received was a mere pittance in wages and a substantially increased tax rate! **The capitalists benefited handsomely from the war while the working class suffered through actual wage decreases and thousands upon thousands of deaths. This is the true nature of capitalism.**

Since WWII, the world's capitalists have engaged in several imperialist wars such as those in Korea, Vietnam, and many African nations. The resistance of these and other nations to such capitalist exploitation has dealt the superpower U.S. quite an economic blow. World markets are shrinking and the U.S. is again forced to turn toward other capitalists' markets. Now the U.S. and U.S.S.R. are both pushing for domination over world markets. This drive for profits can lead to another imperialist war to redivide the available world markets between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. if not stopped by the working class. In anticipation of this third imperialist world war, both the capitalists in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are making war preparations. Though both nations attempt to cloak such preparations under the pretense of "detente", their intentions clearly show. Both nations are rapidly increasing their military might with new bombs and missiles and planes.

Again, as before, the steel industry will be the heart of U.S. war production and preparation for a third imperialist war. And in future issues of **UNITE!** we will examine the steel industry's current role in these preparations. In addition, we will look at how the trade union bureaucrats of the United Steelworkers have worked hand in glove with the steel industry in aiding imperialist war preparations, not just historically, but currently as well.★

NET PROFITS AFTER TAXES
(thousands of dollars)

Company	Average 1935-1939	Average 1940-1945	Increase
United States Steel	$ 36,015	$82,726	130%
Bethlehem Steel	15,980	35,363	121%
Republic Steel	5,152	16,890	228%
Jones & Laughlin	2,712	11,168	312%
Youngstown	5,740	10,645	86%
National Steel	12,145	13,309	10%
Inland Steel	10,146	12,209	20%
American Rolling	4,336	7,564	74%
Wheeling Steel	3,641	5,472	50%
Crucible Steel	1,784	5,482	207%
Colorado Fuel	145	2,227	1,436%
Pittsburg Steel	268	1,904	deficit
Sharon Steel	764	1,247	63%
Lukens Steel	7	1,216	17,271%
Alan Wood Steel	247	768	211%
Alegheny Ludlum	1,716	4,237	147%
Rustless Iron	628	2,033	224%
The Midvale Co.	1,210	2,685	122%
Total for companies	$102,101	$ 217,145	113%
Total for industry	$115,238	$ 245,085	113%

Unemployment

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Because of the national oppression of Blacks, the effects of an economic depression show up prominently in figures of Black unemployment. Blacks and other national minorities continue to be "last hired, first fired". For Black and other national minority youth, there just are no jobs!

Though this outrageous youth unemployment rate has existed for several years, Carter is just now becoming "concerned". Black reformist leaders like Vernon Jordan of the Urban League have finally begun to pressure the Carter administration for its lack of sensitivity towards Black unemployment and his failure to live up to his campaign promises. These misleaders are trying to convince Carter that he'd better come up with some jobs to diffuse the anger of the Black peoples. They fear that, especially with huge numbers of jobless youth, the situation will soon boil over in angry violence. And these bourgeois lackies are only interested in maintaining their compromising leadership over the Black masses.

All these misleaders will do is beg for more dead-end service jobs and training programs that lead nowhere. The masses of Black youths demand jobs that provide stability and a future for themselves and their families. It is clear that neither Carter nor Vernon can offer any real solution to this unemployment problem. What is called for is an all out struggle for jobs. This requires firm multi-national unity to combat rapidly escalating national oppression and smash attempts to divide the class.

KROPP FORGE ATTEMPTS PRIVACY INVASION

In July, several hundred workers at Kropp Forge received a bulletin with their checks stating that they would be assigned to a new locker room and given new company locks. The company will keep a master key to all locks, and therefore have free access to everyone's locker. This locker room will be kept locked throughout the day except during shift change. Immediately workers became angry about not being able to get into the locker room to get medication during the day, about the extra harassment they'll face when they come to work late and must ask that the locker room be specially unlocked so that they can change into work clothes. But many saw the bigger issue involved - - company locks are one more way for Kropp Forge to keep closer watch on all their employees, especially militant workers, and especially as contract renegotiation time approaches.

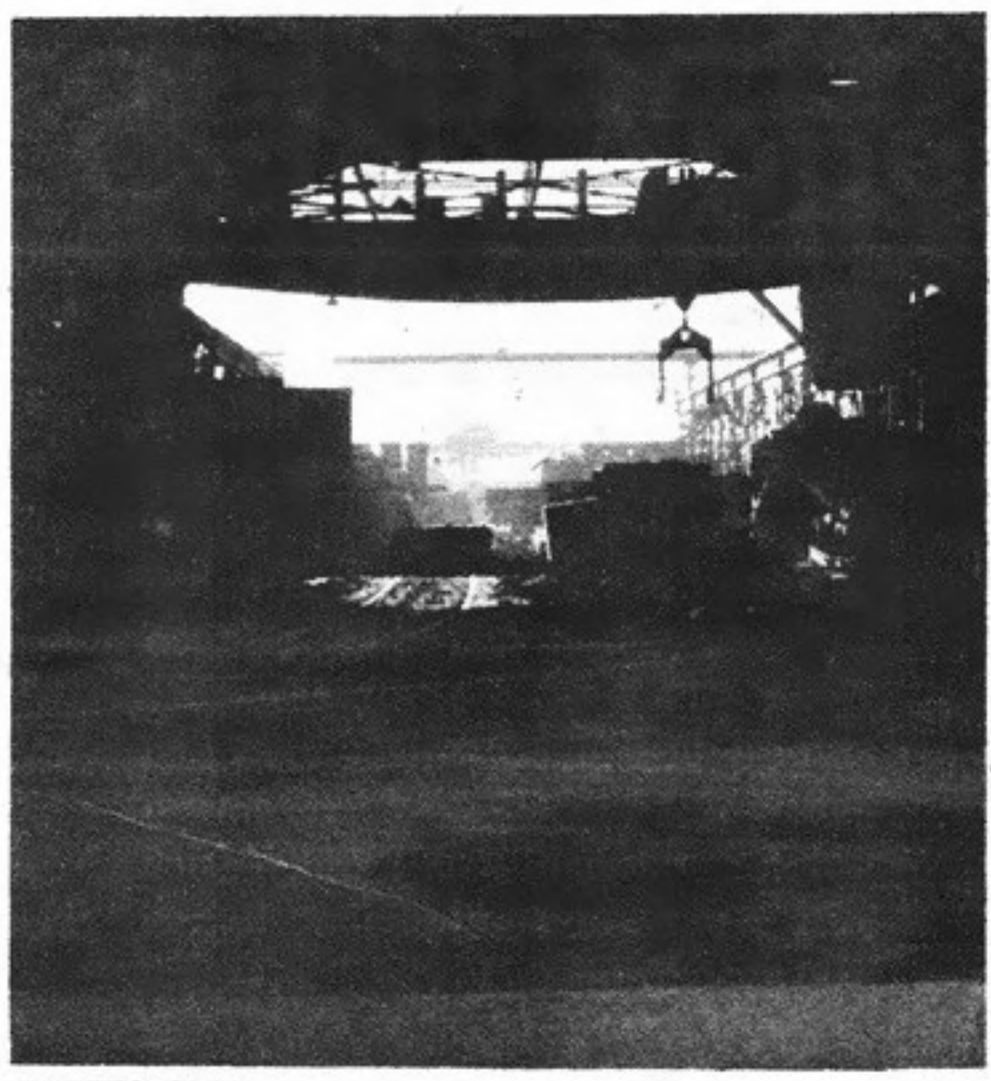
The workers began to organize. One-hundred and seven people signed a petition of protest and asked the union to fight the company's new policy. Some workers are waiting to be forced to move into the new locker room and others have taken new lockers and company locks but continue to use their own locks.

Why is Kropp Forge doing this to the workers? It is to bring the workers under tighter control, to stifle their ability to organize, as contract time grows closer. With a master key, the company can spy on the workers; discover union and political literature kept in the lockers. Workers who want to improve conditions at the plant could be set up for dismissal by having alcohol or drugs planted in their locker. An important place where workers can talk privately during work hours is now off limits because the locker room is locked except during shift change.

And why is Kropp Forge so worried about its workers organizing? One major reason is that Kropp is part of the military industry in the United States. Its forges make aircraft and marine parts, and 32% of its business is defense contracts. Many of its hammers and other large equipment are owned by the government. All indications are that the U.S. and the Soviet Union are both gearing up for a war to see who will economically control the world. It is important to the capitalists who benefit from this kind of war, like the owners of Kropp Forge, that important military industries such as Kropp Forge produce at top efficiency. This means holding down all worker protest against imperialist war and against capitalist exploitation of the working class. This is a part of the growth of fascism in the United States.

Workers at Kropp Forge must organize and fight this attack together, not as individuals. Use your own lock! Demand that the union fight for the right to privacy and open access to the locker room!★

U.S. Steel South Works Threatens Shutdown



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The company blames layoffs on foreign steel imports, on high taxes, and enviornmental protection laws...anything but the crisis of capitalism.

There have been rumors of trouble at US Steel's Chicago South Works for a long time. The plant has never recovered from the last depression in 1974. The modernization of some facilities has been offset by the closing of others. A round of hiring in the spring was followed by layoffs and four-day weeks in mid-summer. At the safety meetings, foremen began to pitch the company line, telling of heavy losses and slim order books. Still, many steel workers were surprised to read the morning news headlines on August 26: "South Works to Close, 8,000 Jobs at Stake".

Many of us have seen long layoffs before. But despite the headlines and the noise about South Works closing, it was clear to the workers that something else was going on, that the threat was a political move, and we were merely 8,000 pawns in the game. The newspapers, based on disclosures by US Steel officials, outline three main reasons for closing South Works: foreign steel imports, taxes, and the inability to expand at South Works due to environmental restrictions. All of these reasons are economic problems faced by US Steel and by monopoly capitalism in general. They are political problems too, and solutions that US Steel is seeking – steel import quotas, tax relief, and the relaxing of environmental restrictions – are political measures.

US Steel Corp.'s primary objective in the South Works gambit is the approval of steel import quotas by Congress and the Carter Administration. Foreign steel monopolists, and Japanese steel in particular, have increased their share of the U.S. market by selling high quality steel at lower prices than the U.S. monopolists. The Japanese, in order to expand their markets, are willing to accept, temporarily, a lower rate of profit.

US Steel is using South Works as a major thrust in the steel monopolists' campaign for a solution for their crisis. But the imperialists' solution to the problem will result in a heavier burden for the working class. Inside South Works the campaign to whip up support for import quotas has been accompanied by a cynical campaign of harassment, telling the workers that this crisis is our problem, that our jobs are at stake, that we must work harder. The response of the leadership of the USWA Local 65 was to talk to management.

In mid-September, the Local president, John Chico, proposed "to ask our government representatives to investigate the entire question of steel production -- imports, prices, costs, together with obsolete plant facilities, tax credits, subsidies. . ." Rather than standing behind the workers and organizing the class struggle, these bureaucrats are selling a write-your-congressman campaign. The heart of this lukewarm reformist position is reliance on the government as a neutral institution when in fact it is fully in the grip of monopoly capital. This, then, is the "fight back" promised by the Sadlowski-Balanoff-Chico slate!

The solution for the working class does not lie with import quotas or writing to our congressmen. It lies with the ability of our class to organize and fight these layoffs as a part of our fight to end the capitalist system which is the real cause of these layoffs. We must throw out these bureaucrats who refuse to fight for us and take back our unions under the leadership of class-conscious workers. In the short run our demand is not for import quotas, or less hours for more workers. We demand our jobs back and for US Steel to take a cut in its profits.★

Steelworker Layoffs Worldwide Problem

In Germany, steel capitalists have dismissed workers en masse, about 10,000 workers in the Saara region alone. This means one out of every four workers in steel will lose their job.

In Japan, thousands of steelworkers are on layoffs. The five biggest Japanese steel companies are working at only 62% of their capacity, down almost 10% from the previous year. Officials predict production will fall for the rest of the year.

Although the U.S. bourgeoisie, like its counterparts worldwide, tries to blame the loss of U.S. steelworkers' jobs on foreign workers, this proves that foreign workers are not taking away U.S. steelworkers' jobs. But, in fact, the general crisis of capitalism is costing the workers their jobs throughout the world.

Workers must not be fooled with the capitalists' lies. We must understand that our real enemy is the bourgeoisie. The international working class must stand united in opposing all reactionary schemes that try to divide us.★

DEFEND BENNIE LENARD!

ALL OUT FOR OCTOBER 11th!

As October 11 and the first day of Bennie Lenard's trial on nine phony charges draws nearer, the role of the court system as an instrument of class oppression grows clearer. At the same time, the role of Illinois State's Attorney, Bernard Carey, has been further exposed as a loyal servant to the bourgeois state, and the strength of mass support in combating the intimidation and powers of both Carey and the courts is emphasized.

Lenard's misdemeanor trial has attracted a great deal of attention from the state. The chief state prosecutor, who generally handles big murder trials, has been assigned to the case. In addition, much important evidence, such as the police report, has been unavailable because it is part of a Grand Jury report investigating whether the police should be indicted for their illegal and brutal beating of Lenard following a minor traffic accident last January. Carey has refused to release this report for months, leading supporters of Lenard to conclude that it is unfavorable to the police. It must be as clear to Carey as to everyone else that the police are guilty. But for him to indict the police without dropping the charges against Lenard would create as Carey himself said, a "conflict of interest". Instead, in an effort to take the pressure off himself, Carey has turned the whole investigation of the police over to the FBI. Clearly the real solution to Carey's "conflict of interest" is to drop the charges against an innocent man. But to protect himself, he has taken the position of "let the courts decide."

COME TO THE TRIAL!

Tuesday, October 11th, 9:00AM
Fourth District Court
1500 Maywood Drive, Maywood

Defend Bennie Lenard!

Send contributions to the Bennie Lenard Defense Fund c/o Seaway National Bank
645 E. 87th Street, Chicago 60919

Whom do the Courts Serve?

As the working class has seen time and time again, the courts under the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, in the main decide against them. There are times when we can and must use the court system to force it to uphold laws which objectively improve the conditions of the working class in their struggle for socialism – to order desegregation, to uphold women's rights, and the right to organize, for example. This is the essence of the struggle for democratic reforms under capitalism. But the overwhelming tendency of the courts is to serve the bourgeoisie, as shown very clearly in recent Supreme Court rulings upholding the right of Nazis to terrorize Jewish and Black communities; the Bakke decision; court injunctions against strikers; and right to work laws. It is clear that we must not rely on the courts in the struggle for democratic rights, or for "justice".

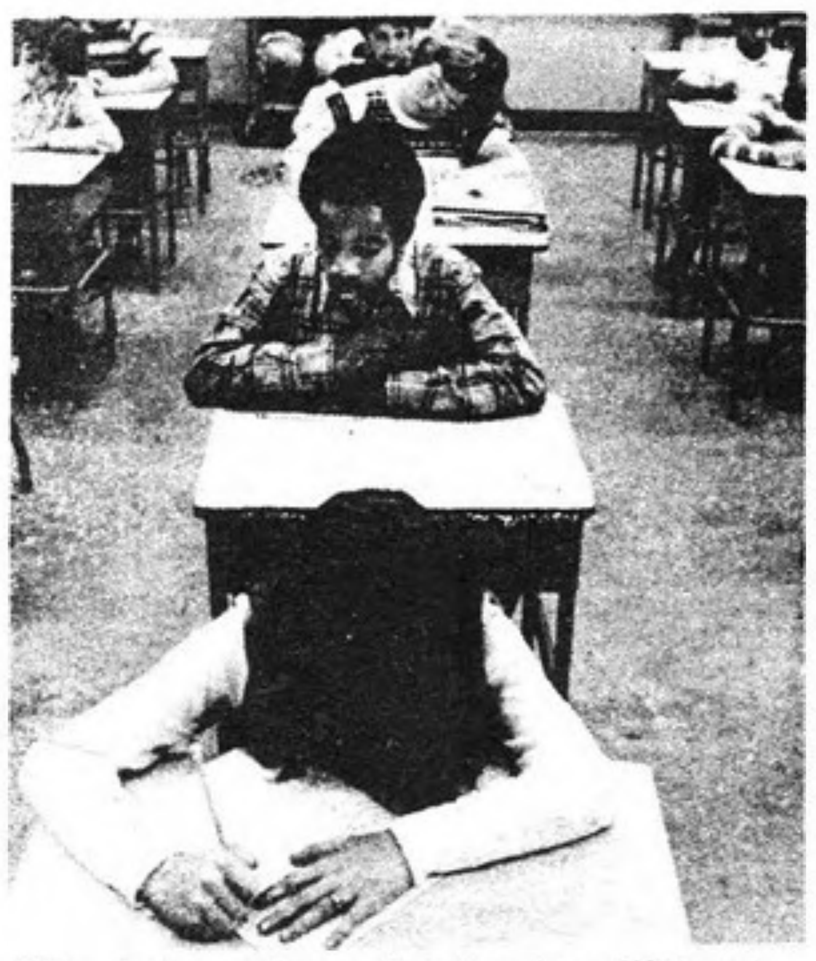
Mass Support is Key

The appointment of top prosecutor, the harassment of the lawyers, family and supporters of Bennie Lenard, and the entrance of the FBI into this case have not happened because the State of Illinois believes Lenard to be such a dangerous criminal, or because Bernard Carey is so concerned with seeing the police indicted. **These things are the direct result of the mobilization of the masses of Lenard's supporters both on the shop floor and in the communities – in the form of fundraising, leafletting, defense committees, union participation, petitions, and demonstrations at the courthouse. Just as the case of the Dawson 5, this resistance has challenged head-on the terror of the courts as instruments of intimidation, national oppression and legal lynching.**

It is of the greatest importance that as the trial dates of both Bennie Lenard and the Dawson 5 approach, we **increase our pressure** on the courts through increased mass mobilization, right through to the end, however long that is! This means, particularly, a large turnout on the first day of the Lenard trial (see box) to show both the state and the jury that the working class will no longer tolerate these attacks! Sign petitions, raise money, and most of all, come to the trial!

Defend Bennie Lenard!
Free the Dawson 5!
All Out on October 11th!

CHICAGO BUSING STRUGGLE CAN LEAD TO MULTI-NATIONAL UNITY



The integration of schools will benefit the entire working class. Above, Chicago school children participate.

Chicago is a city long divided into tight national concentrations which developed with the growth of the labor force. When people of different nationalities, often speaking different languages, arrived in Chicago to look for jobs, they settled in national pockets for mutual assistance, protection and because there were already hostile boundaries of national exclusion. These national divisions were not difficult for the capitalists to maintain. Each nationality was in turn used to undercut the others in the labor market. This insured competition and kept the wages down.

To escape the poverty and oppression of the rural South, many Blacks came to the industrial centers to look for work. Many Blacks in the 1910's and 1920's who had never heard of unions in the rural South, were brought in as strikebreakers, which increased the chauvinist hostility they faced already.

Like the neighborhoods from where they receive their students, Chicago Public schools are highly segregated. Massive Black protests put integration on the agenda in Chicago as early as 1963. In the fall of 1963, nearly 250,000 Black students boycotted the schools to protest terrible conditions. Less than 15% of the 660 schools at all reflect the racial balance of the city. Finally, Chicago was forced to accept desegregation by the Illinois state bureaucracy. The state Office of Education announced guidelines on desegregation under which each school must come within 15% of the racial balance of the city system. Chicago schools can now be no more than 39.9% white or 79.4% Black.

To prepare for 1978, a voluntary busing plan for over-crowded schools was instituted for this fall. Most of the severely crowded schools have either predominately Black or Latin students. For example, Raster School in West Englewood, a Black neighborhood, was built for 800 students. It now has 2100. Most of the underutilized schools have a predominately white student population. Under the plan, up to 6,000 students were eligible to transfer from overcroweded to underutilized schools. They would be bused from their old schools to the receiving schools. Yet today, less than 1,000 have signed up. This is not because of indifference towards education but because of the threat of violence from forces of white chauvinism, especially in the Marquette Park – Bogan High School area.

Even before school began there was heavy opposition to the transfer plan from reactionary groups like Operation Resist. Playing to the sentiments of backward elements, the Nazis have suceeded in adding fuel to the fire by spreading their hate-mongering literature and organizing among youth. A demonstration of Black people for access to Marquette Park was responded to with attacks on Black motorists and firebombing of homes in changing neighborhoods in the area.

On the first day of school the situation was relatively calm. There were orderly, though vocal, picket lines at several elementary schools. But the second week the voices of reaction grew louder, and became more organized.

The intensity of the demonstrations has increased. Young frightened children have been forced to run a gauntlet of screaming, angry women. Under the guise of protecting neighborhood schools, these women were screaming racial slurs at the children.

On Sunday, September 11, a torchlight parade and rally attended by 2,000 was held at Bogan High. Effigies of Joseph Hannon, School Superintendent and creator of the busing plan, and other Board of Education officials were hung and burned from a football field goalpost. Again, unsuspecting Black motorists fell victim to rock-thowing white youths. Finally, the death of a young Black girl who suffered from sickle-cell anemia was triggered by the hostility she was subjected to. This forced some politicians and priests to come out against the intensity of the protest. Since then, strong reaction from the Black community and adverse national publicity have forced the police to at least put up a facade of protecting the Black children.

The tense and volatile situation in Chicago over the integration of schools reflects the demand of the entire working class for quality education for their children. This is a fundamental demand and yet no working class child receives this quality education. Under capitalism there can be no quality education for the working class for all education under capitalism is designed to serve the interests of the capitalist class.

But though there is no quality education for the working class, there does exist the question of equal access to the schools that exist. The national minorities in Chicago are demanding access to schools that are not overcrowded and have better facilities, like books and special equipment. Busing can be a means to achieve this equal access, and as long as busing is used for this purpose, we will support it. There is a section of the white working class whose fear for their children's education causes them to blame the situation in the schools on minorities. In this struggle, it is very important to understand why the integration of the schools will benefit the entire working class.

Capitalism has objectively created the material basis for multi-national unity of the working class. Blacks, whites, Latino and other national minorities work together in the mills and factories, and are constantly forging unity in struggle to defend themselves against the attacks of the capitalist class. Without this unity, the capitalists would have long ago reclaimed the concessions won by the working class. And it is only through this kind of unity that the struggle can be waged against deteriorating housing, police brutality and inferior education. It is to the benefit of the working class that an important part of our children's education includes the sharing of other cultures, and an understanding of the many different peoples around them. When white workers oppose school integration, mistakenly claiming to protect their children, they are, in reality, denying them the benefits of a more complete education, slowing down the development of multi-national unity, and harming their future.

THIS IS OUR
SCHOOL
STAY AWAY

Reactionary white chauvinism is bourgeois ideology. When it infects the class, it divides the class.

White workers see and understand that unity is needed and can be forged at the work place. But the question must be asked, why do these same workers refuse to understand the neccessity for this unity outside of the work place? The reason is clearly the bourgeois ideology of white chauvinism. Through imperialism, based on the oppression of nations, including the nation in the Black Belt South, the bourgeoisie is able to reap superprofits. Within the working class, there exists a small strata which is bribed with these superprofits and materially gains from national divisions within the class. But the majority of the white working class does not gain. Yet it has been misled into believing that they have nothing in common with Blacks and other national minorities outside the plant gate, that there is no basis for any kind of unity.

Now white workers are suffering from layoffs and worsening conditions in their mills and factories. There neighborhoods are deteriorating. They are learning their schools are no good because their children too are not learning to read and write and are miseducated.

Having no working class leadership, no communist party, they fall victim to the propaganda barrage which says that Blacks, illegal aliens, welfare recipients, foreign goods (and therefore foreign workers) are to blame, everything except the nature of capitalist production.

White workers must understand that only by forging real multi-national unity, not only on the shop floor, is there a way out of this crisis. Without multi-national unity nations are divided and the working class is left defenseless against the fascist resurgence and attacks by the capitalists. The refusal to take up this struggle would allow the fascists to consolidate in the U.S. and allow the working class to be led to imperialist war. Real unity is the only way of waging struggle for socialism which guarantees jobs without layoffs and real quality education for our children.

This unity will be forged through the struggle for democratic rights for national minorities, like equal access to education in the U.S. and the struggle for self-determination for the Black Belt Nation.

The struggle for multi-national unity of the working class requires patient and protracted struggle by all. It requires that we consistently explain the need and the basis for the unity of the working class, and the reactionary nature of white chauvinism. This kind of patient explanation together with the militant defense of all nationalities' democratic rights will result in a powerful united working class, capable of smashing all reaction.

The Working Class Looks at the Military. . .

National Oppression

Chairman Mao teaches us that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun". From this, it follows that the U.S. military is the ultimate guardian of U.S. imperialism around the world. In every corner of the globe, U.S. troops are deployed to counter the spread of Soviet social-imperialism and to prevent the success of rising national liberation movements. U.S. bases are found everywhere they can find a foothold, from the Black Belt Nation to East Asia to the Mediterranean Sea to Diego Garcia in the middle of the Indian Ocean – and everywhere in between. These troops serve as ample evidence that the U.S. is still every bit as dangerous as the Soviet Union and is as much an enemy of the world's people and of national liberation struggles as it has ever been. The military, both within its ranks and externally, acts as a tool of national oppression and perpetuates and spreads the ideology of national chauvinism.

For example, after World War II, the U.S. annexed Okinawa, an island nation that had previously been colonized by Japan. Because of its strategic position in the Pacific Ocean, Okinawa was an ideal location for the military, and over half the arable farmland on the island was covered with bases. In 1960, the nation was "returned" to Japan, now a U.S. ally, and some former U.S. bases are now used by the Japanese military. The Okinawan economy, which was based in agriculture, was destroyed. The people on the island were deprived of the source of their livelihood, the land, and were forced to earn their living serving U.S. troops. People had to seek employment on the bases that were formerly their farms. Many women had to become prostitutes or bar hostesses. There is no clearer example of the meaning of Stalin's statement that the national question is, in essence, a land question than the history of Okinawa. Without the control of their land, the Okinawan people became slaves to U.S. imperialism. The Okinawan baseworkers did not submit to their lot, and formed a militant union demanding return of the land. Therefore, they are being replaced by American soldiers and their family members. More and more, they are being forced to leave the island for Japan to find work, just as Black people in the U.S. have had to leave their homes in the Black Belt as a result of imperialist exploitation

Those are the objective facts in Okinawa that are repeated with minor variations in Korea, the Philippines and everywhere else imperialism spreads its tentacles to suppress national liberation. Such were the facts, too, in Southeast Asia, and the same fate the U.S. met there awaits it everywhere else as well. These objective conditions give rise to the subjective ideology of national chauvinism that reduces people of oppressed nations to subhuman status. It is this ideology, consciously promoted by the military, that lets U.S. soldiers justify, to themselves and others, the obscene and brutal treatment of the Vietnamese and other oppressed people. This ideology, in turn, makes it easier for soldiers to kill the people of these nations when the orders come. The one thing U.S. imperialism does not want is for its soldiers to develop ties with the peoples of the nations it oppresses, because their is nothing more threatening to it than the unity of the oppressed nations and the working class.

As above in Korea, U.S. troops are stationed in every corner of the globe to prevent the success of national liberation movements.

In the same way, national chauvinism is perpetrated to prevent unity within the military. Despite sham "human relations" courses, the military does what it can to divide the enlisted people of different nationalities. Blacks and Latinos constitute half the "grunts", the Marine ground troops with the dirtiest, most dangerous, least-skilled jobs. On the other hand, whites hold a disproportionate number of the best jobs, such as electronics and flight. Oppressed nationalities have a higher percentage of less than honorable discharges, receive more court martials and more severe sentences. They also face attacks from such groups as the Ku Klux Klan that function within the military. The discrimination and oppression that Blacks face in the military is a direct result of the oppression of the Black Belt Nation in the South.

It is no accident that two-thirds of U.S. troops stationed in the U.S. are in the Black Belt and that the economies of many towns are dependent upon the bases. In the South, no branch of production is as large or significant to the area's overall economy as the military. The military not only includes bases and installations, but also the industries which produce for it, like munitions and aero-space. In 1968, about one in every fourteen workers was directly or indirectly on the payroll of the Pentagon in the South. And, in 1971 over 40% of the U.S. shoreside military personnel were located in the South.

The military complex in the South extends to much of the industry. For example, in Virginia, Tenneco's News Shipyards; in Mississippi, Litton Industries; in Louisiana, Avondale Shipyards; in Alabama, Huntsville Aero-Space complex; in Georgia, Lockheed; in Arkansas, Pine Bluff Arsenal.

The U.S. bourgeoisie has concentrated so much of its military forces in the South, in order to stiffle resistance to imperialist exploitation in the Black Belt. Secondly, the large military industry located in this area reaps superprofits from the vast reserve of nonunionized labor. Thus the militarism in the South is bound up with every question concerning the oppression of the Black Belt Nation.

The bourgeoisie perpetuated national chauvinism within the ranks of the military in order to divide the working class and oppressed nationalities. As we take up the struggle against manifestations of this national oppression, whether it is around job discrimination or attacks by the KKK, we must link these struggles to the much more fundamental demand of self-determination for the Black Belt South. And, in the same way, that the working class and other progressive peoples demand all troops be removed from the Black Belt South. By taking up these demands genuine multinational unity will be forged★

Letter from a correspondent

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in a polyurethane-padded cell, in which a 16-year-old mentally disturbed prisoner was confined. Enormous amounts of cyanide gaseous smoke quickly spread throughout the jail, trapping prisoners and visitors. This was a clear case of criminal neglect by Tennessee jail managers because Connecticut Congressman Christopher Dodd had warned them by letter a year previous of the dangers of polyurethane mattresses and padding. Because they ignored the warning, 42 persons died a horrible death.

Here in Connecticut the prison managers have been lying through their teeth for over a year about the polyurethane mattress replacement program. As recently as July 22, 1977, prisons boss John R. Manson wrote to U.S. Representative William Cotter that "Within the month, Somers Prison will have replaced all its [polyurethane] mattresses." On July 26, 1977, Manson swore to a local newspaper reporter, Greg Roberts of the Journal Inquirer, that he had never made such a pledge.On August 14, 1977, Department of "Correction" spokesperson Connie Wilks stood by the statement that Manson gave to Congressman Cotter – the mattresses at Somers would be replaced within a month. Today, August 26, 1977, several hundred polyurethane mattresses remain at Somers and Enfield prisons.

The Department spokesperson also said that mattresses at Bridgeport, Enfield and Niantic "Correctional" Centers will only be replaced through attrition. Two prisoners have already died in these mimimum security institutions in which replacement is of "low priority". Given the average life of a polyurethane mattress "attrition" in this matter may mean replacement as prisoners burn to death. The callousness of the prison managers is nearly beyond belief.

Many other questions remain unanswered on the entire matter of use of polyurethane mattresses in state institutions. After the deaths of Gagnon and Klepack, and the horrible burning of Clinkscales, the Connecticut prison bosses purportedly conducted a nation-wide search lasting several months to find a company that manufactured cotton mattresses. Then, incredibly, they found such a company, the Gold Bond Company of Hartford, right in their back yard. Without bidding, a contract for 2,000 cotton mattresses, worth over $50,000 was signed on May 11, 1976. The opportunities for graft and kickbacks are very high in deals like this. Meanwhile, at least 15,000 polyurethane mattresses remain in state institutions as of June 30, 1977.

One final quote will demonstrate the callousness of the prison managers in regard to our safety. In early July, 1976, ten prisoners in the Somers Prison removed the polyurethane mattresses from their cells in fear. The Deputy Commissioner of the Department of "Correction", Raymond M. Lopes, was quoted on July 8, 1976, saying, "They can sleep on springs as long as they want."

The danger of polyurethane mattresses and padding is not confined to Connecticut. These highly flammable products are in institutions all over the country. Only a concerted movement by prisoners and outside supporters can force the prison bosses to remove the danger.

Pressure must be brought against congressmen from every state. The powerful petro-chemical industry has its lobbyists hard at work. The industry is determined to continue putting profits before people. There are millions of dollars at stake if the industry can keep federal flammability standards low. So the Industry is putting pressure on the congressmen and on the federal Consumer Products Safety Commission to prevent a change in the flammability standards.

The prison bosses care even less about our lives, as they have demonstrated time and again. So prisoners must force this issue, uniting with outside supporters, to rid the prisons and other institutions of the dangerous polyurethane products, before more of us lose our lives. Together, we can win!

A prisoner in Connecticut
August 26, 1977

Genuine Unity Rests on P

The necessity to unite the genunine Marxist-Leninist forces that exist in the US around a correct party program is an essential element in the five tasks required to successfully prepare the conditions for the formation of a vanguard communist party.

Whether or not this takes the form of an organizing committee depends upon the extent to which genuine forces can unite on the main thrust of a draft program, while working out differences in the course of taking this program to the workers for discussions and criticism.

In previous articles in UNITE! we have discussed other elements of our five point plan to build the party. At this time it is important to sum up the lessons learned in the struggle for Marxist-Leninist unity and the possibility of forming an organizing committee.

Genuine Unity Rests on Principle

The unity of the international proletariat, and the proletariat within each country, is both an historical necessity for the victory of the revolution and a basic desire of the working class itself. Genuine unity cannot be built except under the leadership of a single vanguard communist party.

The unity of Marxist-Leninists is based upon class unity built in the struggle against the class enemy for the goal of communism. The only theoretical and political basis for such unity is Marxism-Leninism. This unity can only be built in the course of assisting and leading the class struggle on all fronts.

Those that seek "unity" separate from the struggle of the working class and its allies will always fall into opportunism and defeatism.

In the US since the destruction of the Communist Party USA in the mid 1940's, we have seen numerous efforts at unity which were not based on Marxist-Leninist principle.

The Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) mistook its own reactionary chauvinist stands for those of the working class and was deaf to the just and correct criticisms of national based groups. In forming their party, they had to break with the Marxist-Leninist position on the national question as laid out by Stalin. Recently, they have discarded Stalin's teachings on the question of the main blow and the main danger. The unity that binds the RCP together has nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism.

The Communist Party (ML) was founded primarily out of the CALL groups and small circles around the October League, although the OL alleged that unity was the main trend. Since forming the CP(ML), they have banded together around the view that the Soviet Union is the main danger and have turned the main task of the US working class into fighting the Soviet Union instead of the US bourgeoisie.

Others such as the Workers Viewpoint Organization (WVO) and the "wing"remnants have also declared the party a settled question. But what they have settled into is the worst Trotskyite combination of adventurism and denial of democratic rights.

There are several organizations that in the past have done some good work in some cities for the working class or an oppressed nationality. However, they have not escaped the confines of narrow nationalism, such as I Wor Kuen (IWK) Revolutionary Communist League (RCL), or August 29th Movement (ATM). After years of existence they still have no consistent work among the multi-national working class, across the U.S.

And others, such as the Workers Congress (WC) have followed a dogmatic right opportunist line, like their "Iskra plan", which has led to extremely narrow and isolated work.

With many of these organizations, the MLOC has sought at various times to build genuine unity of action in the struggle aginst opportunism and imperialism.

The Basis of Disunity

This experience leads us to the necessity of explaining why such disunity exists, and the difficulty in building genuine unity. Certainly the rise and development of revisionism is the condition which has nurtured this disunity and prevented greater unity from being built. But the basis for this picture has been the inability of these organizations to abandon the stand, method and outlook of the petty bourgeoisie in their organization, and place the working class outlook in command.

Each of these organizations to varying degrees, was built on the basis of the upsurge in the student and national movement in the late 1960's or early 1970's. In particular the leadership of these organizations, and many of the rank and file, come from the student or intellectual strata of the petty bourgeoisie. In and of itself, as long as the proportion of workers to intellectuals is reasonable, this is not lethal. But when these petty bourgeois elements bring with them their individualism, vacillation, lack of discipline and do not carry out a consistent struggle to overcome this outlook and insure the hegemony of the working class in their organization, then we see the kind of arrogance, sectarian and careerist courses charted by these organizations.

This struggle has been successfully waged within our organization over the last year in an intense manner. Cadre in leadership who have been unwilling or unable to change have been either replaced or purged. Both because of our policy of industrial concentration from the outset and our current recruitment policies regarding the proportion of workers to students or intellectuals, we have made important headway in insuring that the working class has complete hegemony in our organization.

Summing up practice

In the course of our struggle to forge Marxist-Leninist unity, several lessons have been learned which can now be summed up.

1 In April, 1976, UNITE! advanced four basic principles which must guide the struggle for Marxist-Leninist unity:

a. seek to unite, not split.
b. the principle of equality
c. the principle of independence
d. to resolve contradictions on the basis of criticism and self-criticism.

Historically, these principles provided a correct basis upon which to build Marxist-Leninist unity. Where they were adhered to genuine unity has been built with small collectives

But with the organizations mentioned above, each, in various ways, violated these principles after having agreed to follow them and have degenerated into the camp of opportunism or vacillation.

With few exceptions, it has been the MLOC which has initiated efforts at joint work and sought a protracted, patient approach to building unity. Without exception, this program was rejected or ignored – meetings cancelled, work discarded, accusations raised publicly, without struggle, and dishonest and careerist maneuvers took place.

2 In the course of these struggles, the importance of placing the struggle for unity on a conscious basis has been learned. The heart of this struggle has been the call for joint theoreticaland practical work. Without such work no genuine unity can be built. This has proven completely correct.

Stark examples of opportunism in opposing this line included: the CP(ML)'s, formerly the OL, failure to promote common work on the Gary Tyler struggle; the

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After the imperialists were successfully defeated, the Soviet Republic faced serious economic problems. The people had been willing to put up with scarcity and extreme hardship during the war, but now that the war was over they demanded that this scarcity be ended.

During the war, the Soviet government had to appropriate all the surplus from the peasantry in order to fulfill the needs of the Republic. Now there was discontent with this system among the peasantry. The Party was confronted with the task of forming a new economic policy.

The 10th Party Congress of the Bolsheviks adopted the New Economic Policy (NEP) which was a tax in kind rather than a surplus appropriation system. This plan would tax a specific amount of the peasant's product for use by the state. Everything over this amount would be at the peasants disposal to sell at will. This policy would help revive the ailing agriculture because it would give the peasants an economic incentive to produce more. It would also aid in the circulation of commodities because the peasants would be able to trade their goods for other commodities. This would in turn provide an economic basis for the growth of industry. **This policy was extremely important because it provided a material basis for the strengthening of the alliance between the peasantry and proletariat.**

Lenin clearly pointed out that at first this freedom of trade would lead the way to a certain revival of capitalism. This was necessary in order to accumulate sufficient surplus needed to industrialize the economy.

After the first year of the NEP substantial gains were made. Life in general had become easier for the peasants and workers. However, there were still some problems, unemployment was still high, and there was a gap between the price of manufactured goods and the price of farm products. The Central Committee adopted a policy to help rectify the situation. Prices were stabilized and the price of manufactured goods lowered. Measures were made for trade through government and cooperative channels rather than through the private traders (nepmen) which had caused some of the excessive prices of the manufactured goods.

During this period of rebuilding the economy, the enemies of the working class were hard at work trying to undermine the socialist system. Led by Trotskyists, opposition was mounted to oppose the economic policy laid out by the Party. They said that the NEP would lead to a complete restoration of capitalism. They said that persuation and incentives should not be used with the peasantry and

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failure of the RCP (in Georgia) or the ATM or WC to take up work on the Dawson 5 campaign.

In August 1975, in Communist Line no. 9, we issued a call for joint work on the development of a draft party program. Overall, this call was a correct initiative on the part of the MLOC to promote common work as well as to point to the importance of the party program. At the same time, the failure to suggest any organizational form under which this was to be carried out was a right deviation to the call. A further right error was made because the MLOC did not proceed immediately on its own initiative to draft the program, but instead waited for others to come forward and join in on the work.

This reflected a definite right conservatism in the MLOC and belittled the leading role that could have been played by the MLOC in coming forward directly with a correct draft program.

Recognizing this error, the MLOC is now in a position where it will issue a draft program in the next few months.. Once the program has been issued Marxist-Leninist joint work must revolve around it.

3 The last vital lesson that we have learned in the course of the struggle for Marxist-Leninist unity is the importance of the party program. We have generally taken a leading role in pointing out its importance – in pointing to the fact that the wave of polemics in 1976 and 1977 were of little value because they were not geared to the party program. Also we pointed to the necessity for a party program to draw lines of demarcation, but we incorrectly failed to make every effort possible to issue a draft party program to the workers for discussion and criticism.

Lines Have Been Drawn

In conclusion , we can see that some very definite lines of demarcation have been drawn in the course of class struggle over the recent period. The RCP has not changed in any way on its revisionist course. The CP(ML) has firmly consolidated its revisionist and class collaborationist program on the international situation. And the WVO has completely consolidated around a Trotskyite line. With these organizations, what once constituted a contradiction among the people, has turned into an antagonistic contradiction.

No doubt there exist Marxist-Leninists within the ranks of these organizations today. but their task is to leave them and join with us.

Other organizations mentioned have developed in a manner which carry out no industrial concentration, no work in the Black Belt Nation, no regular nationwide agitation and propaganda, little effort at forging any ties with the international proletariat. And for these reasons and others, it is now clear these organizations can not play a leading role in the formation of the party or in socialist revolution.

The MLOC has and will continue to pursue a consistent and principled course of struggling for Marxist-Leninist unity. We continue to call on these organizations to take up joint work with our organization in cities where we both carry out work. And we especially call on these organizations to join with us to build support for the Dawson 5.

The MLOC is continuing to carry out the necessary preparations for the formation of the genuine communist party. Most important in our ability to do this has been the correctness of the basic program of the MLOC on fundamental questions and our ability to take this program to the strategic centers of the working class movement. This, together with the important struggles which have been carried out against the narrow, social democratic and spontaneous methods of work characterized by others, has placed the MLOC in a position to play the leading role in the formation of the party.

Complete the Necessary Conditions

The main outstanding task today, in preparing the conditions for forming the party is the publication of the draft party program

With the publication of the draft program, an organizing committee should be formed **only** if there exist organizations with their own history and record of class struggle who can unite with the basic thrust of the program, but need to struggle over particular differences. The task of such a committee would then be to take this draft program widely among the workers.

The struggle for Marxist-Leninist unity is part and parcel of grasping the correct relationship between the party and the masses. Real unity can only be built in common struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism and opportunism. On this basis, real unity will be built, the party forged and strengthened, and the revolutionary war carried out until victory.

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the trade unions but instead the "screws should be tightened" with stiffer measures being taken. They also advocated making concessions to foreign capitalists as the way to industrialize the country.

Serious factionalizing took place in the Party. The Trotskyites were setting the working class against the Party and splitting the Party into opposing groups. At the 10th Party Congress special attention was paid to Party unity. The Congress ordered immediate dissolution of all factions and instructed all Party organizations to keep a strict watch to prevent all out-breaks of factionalizing and non-observance of Party decisions. The Congress pointed to the absolute need for unity of will in the Party, particularly at the crucial stage of economic reconstruction. The resolution by the Congress made clear that any factionalizing in the Party directly aided the bourgeoisie's attempt to overthrow the dictatorship of the proletariat.

At this important time in the history of the socialist republics, when unity was so important, a voluntary union of all Soviet nations took place. The formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics meant the consolidation of the Soviet power and a great victory for the Leninist-Stalinist policy on the National Question. The nations came together as a unified whole on a voluntary and equal basis with each of the nations having the right to secede from the Soviet Union.

Lessons for Today

One of the most important lessons that we can learn from this period of the Russian Revolution is that a socialist economy is carefully planned. In the period of imperialist war, the Party instituted War Communism which provided the surplus goods and capital needed for carrying out the defense of the socialist homeland. After the war was over and War Communism was no longer necessary, a new economic plan was forged in order to alleviate the problems in the young republic. The economic plans took into consideration the needs of the working class and the peasantry. The Bolsheviks knew that industrialization would be the solution in the long run, and therefore they formulated plans, the NEP, which would allow them to achieve this goal.

This careful planning of a socialist economy is in stark contrast to the anarchy of capitalist production. Capitalist production does not take into account the needs and and problems of the working class. It does not try to solve the tremendous problem of unemployment. Instead, the situation steadily grows worse. Under capitalism, consumer prices are not held down while wages are increased. Rather, prices continue to go up while wages remain the same or go down. This is because capitalism is run for the profit of a few, at the expense of the vast majority. Socialism, on the other hand, is run for the well being of the vast majority, the workers and oppressed peoples.

The other major lesson we can learn from this chapter is the need for unity of will and action in the party of the working class. Without this unity, the party is incapable of leading the working class. In the August issue of **UNITE!** (Vol. 3, No. 7), we reprinted an important article from the Party of Labor of Albania. In this article it states:

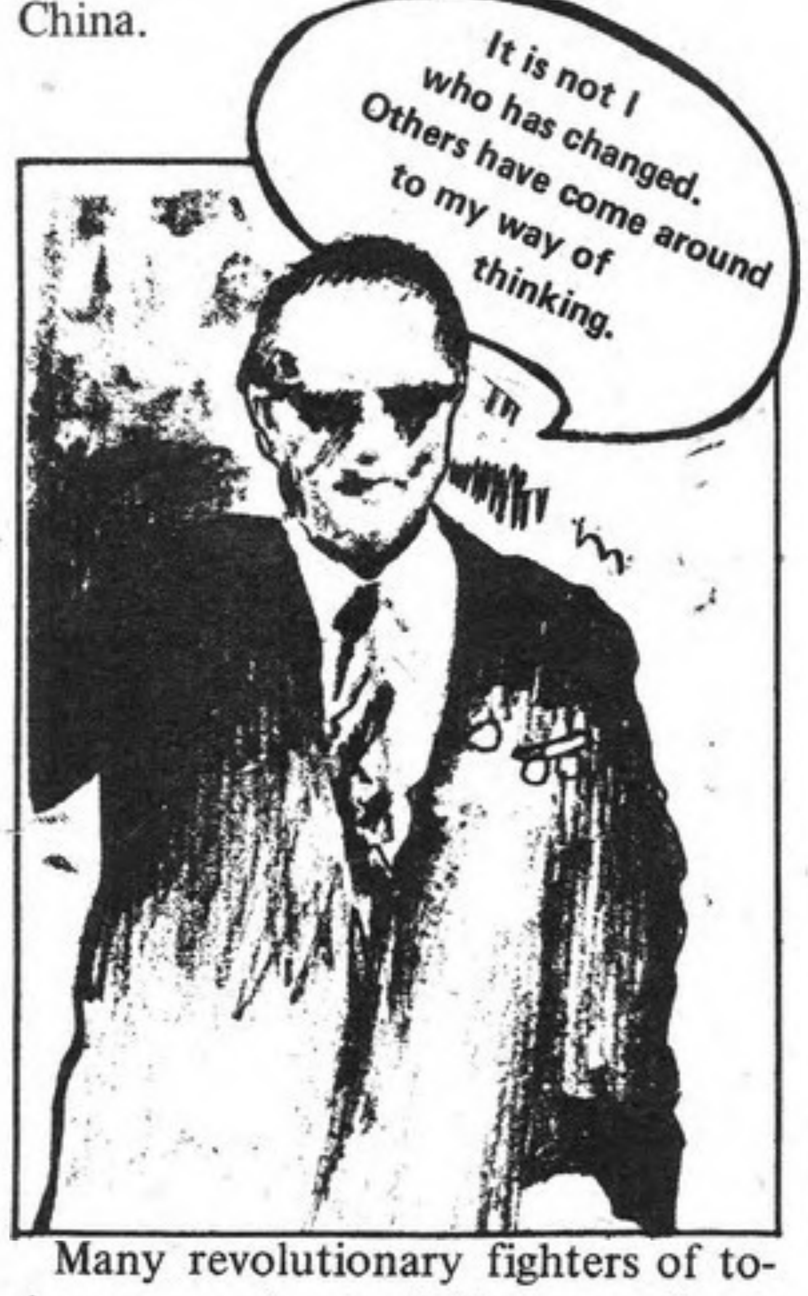
> "The classics of Marxism-Leninism teach that for every revolutionary party of the working class unity is the most powerful weapon to cope with the attacks of the class enemies, to overcome difficulties, and to carry out the programmatic tasks in the revolution and the construction of socialist and communist society. Lack of ideological and organizational unity in the revolutionary party, the crystallization of factional currents and opposing anti-Marxist lines in its ranks turn it into a bourgeois-revisionist, social democratic party, or destroy it completely."

This is a lesson that has been learned in all communist parties in the course of struggle over the years. There is only one correct proletarian line, the Marxist-Leninist line and unless this line is guiding the party serious mistakes will be made. Had the Trotskyite line won out in the struggle to forge a new economic policy, the working class would have been isolated from its allies, the peasantry; socialist construction would have failed. But because the Party was guided by a correct Marxist-Leninist line a correct course was followed and socialist construction moved ahead. In order to build a genuine party of the working class here in the U.S., we must learn the lesson well about the need for party unity. In the course of building the party there will be sharp class struggle both inside and outside the party. While this is an objective fact, it does not mean that two lines can exist in the party. As the Marxist-Leninist Organizaing Committee has learned in its own experience, and from the experience of other Marxist-Leninist parties, allowing two lines to develop in the party can seriously hamper the work of the party among the masses and could eventually lead to the downfall of the organization.

The party must be built in the struggle against both right and left deviations from Marxism-Leninism and through the course [illegible] that struggle a strong party unity will be forged.

Tito Remains a Traitor to the Working Class

Josif Broz Tito, the aging ruler of Yugoslavia and long-standing symbol of modern revisionism, recently completed a triumphant tour of the revisionist U.S.S.R., as well as the Peoples Democratic Republic of Korea and the Peoples Republic of China.


It is not I who has changed. Others have come around to my way of thinking.

Many revolutionary fighters of today may understandably be confused about the history and role of Tito, when countries with different social systems, the U.S.S.R. and China, lavish high praise on the man who, in the 1950's led the wave of modern revisionism that included the restoration of capitalism in Yugoslavia, the U.S.S.R. and several Eastern European countries.

How are we to look at Tito? Is he the comrade in arms of Leonid Brezhnev, the staunch defender of "detente", as both claim? Or is he the leader of the "non-aligned" movement, as stated in both Korea and China.

In fact, he is both, because these positions are not inconsistent. To see this, it is important to review the history of Tito's betrayal of Marxism-Leninism.

Directly after World War II, Tito began to manufacture a variety of counter-revolutionary plots to subvert and interfere in the Party of Labor of Albania. While these schemes were exposed and resolutely repulsed by the Party of Labor of Albania – they revealed clearly the true nature of the Tito clique and his basic intentions. Both the Albanian and Chinese comrades took the lead in condemning Yugoslav revisionism.

At the same time, Tito began to preach his revisionist program of "non-alignment" and the abolition of the socialist camp. These developments earned Tito the condemnation of the entire international communist movement. Both the 1957 Declaration of Twelve Communist and Workers Parties in Moscow, and the 1960 Statement of 81 Communist and Workers Parties in Moscow exposed and condemned the Tito brand of modern revisionism.

Throughout the great polemics of the early 1960's, Tito did not change his course. By the end of 1962, in "The Differences Between Comrade Togliatti and Us", the Communist Party of China noted:

"The Tito group have not changed their 'unique road' of building 'socialism' through selling themselves to imperialism. On the contrary, they are working harder and harder in the service of the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war. Recently U.S. imperialism has tipped the Tito group with extra 'aid' amounting to more than 100 million dollars. Under the same old camouflage of "being outside blocs' and of 'positive coexistence', the Tito group are doing everything they can to sabotage the national and democratic movements of the peoples of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and to undermine the unity of the socialist camp and of all the peace-loving countries." (WHENCE OUR DIFFERENCES, page 65.)

Up through today, the criticisms of the earlier period have not lost one iota of their relevance. In fact, they have proven more relevant with every passing year. Using the catchwords of "detente", "non-alignment", and "no blocs", Tito has continued to betray Marxist-Leninist unity in order to obtain loans from imperialism and social-imperialism to bolster his reactionary regime and open Yugoslavia to the capitalist market.

When Mondale visited Yugoslavia in July of this year he expressed his admiration for the "independent non-aligned policy" of Yugoslavia.

Given the obvious contradictions between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. how is it that Tito pleases both? Playing on the differences of the two superpowers, Tito has carved out a niche for his own exploitation of the Yugoslav working class. While a small thorn in the flesh of both superpowers, he is in fact no threat to either.

What Tito is "non-aligned" with is socialism, the working class and the national liberation movements. His task is to line these forces up to deliver them over to imperialism and turn a tidy profit for himself. By Tito's own acknowledgement, the victories of the so-called "non-aligned countries" have been "moral" and not economic. Without a genuine new democratic revolution, there is no reason to see any change in this state of affairs. In fact, given the greatly increasing debt of the small countries to imperialist powers over the past several years, economically things have worsened for them. That is, with the exceptions of the main lackeys like Yugoslavia, South Korea, Taiwan and Brazil, that have favorably positioned themselves with the main imperialist powers.

In Brazil, South Korea, and Taiwan, exploitation has taken place under the most fascist conditions. In Yugoslavia it has been under what Tito calls the self-management of associated labor. The theory is that the workers make the decisions plant by plant or even in one part of a factory about production, wages, etc. This sounds good, but this is all done in conditions where Yugoslavia is completely tied into the imperialist and social-imperialist markets. The result is business cycles in Yugoslavia. Unemployment relief has to be provided. Thousands of Yugoslav workers have worked for years in Germany. Class demarcations have become increasingly pronounced. National antagonisms continually threaten civil war.

In spite of Tito's long standing betrayal of the working class, today we are hearing voices that call for unity with him as the leader of the "non-aligned", as a great anti-fascist. The working class cannot forget that the modern-revisionist betrayal of Marxism-Leninism began with Tito. As Tito has arrogantly said for many years, it is not he who has changed but others who have come around to his way of thinking. To justify broad unity with him on the basis that party-to-party relations have not been renewed misses the point. As the Chinese comrades noted in 1963, "..one's attitude towards Yugoslav revisionism is not a minor but a major question; it is a question that concerns not just one detail or another but the whole. It is a question of whether to adhere to Marxism-Leninsm or to wallow in the mire with the Yugoslav revisionists." (WHENCE OUR DIFFERENCES, page 107).

Those who proclaim that revisionism is the main danger cannot fail to warn the working class of unity with Tito. To talk about his great contributions to socialism, to proclaim him the long tested outstanding leader of the Yugoslavian people, is an attempt to confuse and do great harm to the working class.

The recent efforts to rehabilitate Tito should indicate that now, as in the past, is a time to remain vigilant, to intensify the struggle to combat modern revisionism, and staunchly defend the banner of Marxism-Leninism.★

Latest U.S. - British Attempt to "Solve the Problem" of Zimbabwe

The latest episode in the continuing U.S.–British attempt to find a "solution" to the fierce struggle in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) was unfolded in early September. Claiming the Rhodesian settler regime "faces economic and military disaster" unless a peace settlement is reached soon, Andrew Young of the U.S. and British Foreign Minister David Owen unfolded the latest joint peace proposal. Both the U.S. and British bourgeoisie desperately need a "solution" in order to, in their own words, "bring stability to southern Africa". Their view of stability, however, differs radically from the kind of stability the Zimbabwean people seek. The Zimbabweans have been waging armed struggle to liberate their homeland from centuries of colonial domination.

Both British and U.S. imperialists need a compromising agreement which will guarantee their continued economic plunder of the rich natural resources and markets of this African nation. Also, they need an ally willing to resist the Soviet social-imperialist's attempts at neo-colonialist control. In order to achieve this, it is becoming quite clear they are willing to sacrifice their bourgeois class partner, Ian Smith.

Briefly, the new proposal calls for:

– Rhodesia to give up its sovereignty to Britian for an unspecified period of time.

– the appointment of a British Resident Commissioner and a UN Representative to maintain order during a transition period. This would include UN "peacekeeping" forces.

– disbanding some units of both the guerrilla forces and the Rhodesian Security Forces, and creation of a new Zimbabwe National Army from the remaining Rhodesian and Zimbabwean Liberation Forces.

– Free elections (one man one vote) by 1978 to elect a 100 member Assembly which will then elect a President.

– The creation of a Zimbabwe Development Fund to "create economic stability".

The proposal also includes what is called a "self-starting" clause. The British Commissioners and the UN Representative can begin to negotiate without Rhodesian acceptance of the proposal.

Clearly, the Rhodesian regime is unlikely to accept this new proposal, despite the fact that the British Foreign Minister feels confident "intelligent people can sit down and work out their differences." The differences in Zimbabwe are major. They are a contradiction between the Zimbabwean people's just struggle for national self-determination, and the futile attempts of a fascist, colonial regime which represents 268,000 white settlers, to maintain its stranglehold over the 6.3 million Zimbabwean blacks.

The liberation of Zimbabwe is close at hand, not because of the deals the U.S. and British have cooked up, but because the people of Zimbabwe have waged a protracted armed struggle against the settler regime. The forces of liberation will not settle for a new colonizer, whether it is the U.S., Britian or the Soviet Union. Their just demands is for genuine national liberation.★

An Interview with ELIZABETH SIBEKO / Pan Africanist Congress

UNITE!: Recently there have been many large demonstrations in commemoration of the Soweto massacre. What is the significance of these demonstrations?

PAC: The demonstrations which happened on the commemoration of Soweto are a part of the unfolding positive action program. The resistance is building up. As you know, in the national uprising, last June, when 10, 000 school children went to the board of education to air their views about the use of Afrikaans, the oppressor's language, the answer they got was ruthless oppression which culminated in over 1000 killed. The demonstration was not just about the use of the language, it was about a whole lot of oppression, exploitation and degradation of our people. The demonstration was a part of the unfolding program of PAC, and will go on and on until the repossession of our land has been achieved, the forces of our oppression have been liquidated and we have established a socialist Azania. The people of Azania are not interested in better crumbs from the table, not for reforms but for the repossession of our land, for self-determination which is a fundamental international law. We are fighting for the overthrow of the whole system which gives rise to a racist supremacy in Azania.

UNITE!: What is the role of US imperialism in Azania?

PAC: Well, I must say that US imperialism is an enemy of our people. They aid the system in Azania together with France, England, Germany, Japan, Italy, to mention a few who have vested interest. American investments have been climbing. Last year, when the school children were shot, Citibank had to come out with over a million dollars to prop up the regime which was ailing. As long as the US is in Azania and as long as they adamantly and arrogantly refuse to withdraw when the people tell them that they must withdraw, they will continue to draw superprofits from the exploitation of Azania and Vorster will go on oppressing the Azanian people.

UNITE!: What is the role of Israel in Azania?

PAC: The Israeli's have openly come out as Vorster's kin brethren. When Vorster went to Israel 2 years back, a military pact was signed. We have information that Israeli military technology has also been sent to Southern Africa. There are Israeli overseers who are conducting experiments in the nuclear power plant in the northern Transvaal. This actually surprised us because all along we have been made to understand that the Israelis are a struggling people. During the 2nd World War they were persecuted by Hitler. But when Vorster, an ardent follower and sympathizer of Nazi Germany and a confessed Nazi, goes to Israel it shows to us that Apartheid and Zionism are synomomous. They are racist, they have joined hands and made themselves our enemies. Plus they have and continue to fight the Palestinians who we think are our brothers in the struggle for self-determination.

UNITE!: What about the Soviet Union? What are its intentions in Azania and all of Africa?

PAC: The Soviet Union shouts "Revolution! Revolution! We are behind the forces of revolution." This is especially true in Southern Africa, which is an area that is now in dispute. The Soviet Union is a superpower, is no different than the US as a superpower. They are all rushing and fighting for spheres of influence. The Soviet Union is not honest when it supports these struggles. It divides the people of Azania when it says, "I am supporting the African National Congress. It is the authentic movement." There is nothing called the authentic movement because only the people of the country will choose the different movements based on their performance in carrying out the goals of the people. They can not be decided by an outsider. They can not do what they did in Angola, they can not put any forces in Azania. There is a certain section of Azanians who owe their allegiance to Moscow and if they are put in by a force of arms, the people of Azania will go to the bush and battle for a 100 years fighting the regime and battle the Soviet Union. And if that happens the grave of Soviet social-imperialism will be made in Azania.

UNITE!: Why is southern Africa so important to the two superpowers?

PAC: Why are the two superpowers interested? They have no moral obligation to the freedom of our people. Their interest is to gain access and control to the Indian Ocean which is very important in the balance of the two superpowers. They are fighting to gain spheres of influence so they can have their big warships stationed there. If we allow them to do this then what about the new developing country that will be Azania? It would be stifled; you could not do anything because it would have all its loyalties to the Soviet Union or to the US. Hence we are saying, "Hands off." We do not want them in Azania.

UNITE!: What kind of role has the Pan Africanist Congress played in the Azanian peoples struggle?

PAC: Since its inception in 1959, PAC has played a revolutionary role. If you read our manifesto, you find that it calls for a much more militant movement than had been taking place with the African National Congress. It was the youth league of the ANC that the leadership of PAC emerged from. These young men and women broke away from ANC because they said that our people needed a much more militant program. This program was immediately put into use; hence we organized a demonstration against the pass books. PAC called for the pass books to be left at home and giving ourselves up at police stations. This included the leaders, not the leaders staying home and letting the masses go alone. With PAC it is a policy that the leaders must be in the front. This was in March 1960 and the jails were so full that the regime did not know what to do and so they let loose with the gun and killed a lot of people. This was the Sharpeville Massacre. We had to feel the pulse of the nation and so the passes were our target. So PAC ever since its inception has never given itself a breathing space. We have done a lot.

UNITE!: On African Liberation Day this year, David Sibeko spoke of some recent developments with PAC. Could you tell us about these?

PAC: We have formed the Azanian People's Liberation Army. Before that we had cadre who were fighters but were not specified as the liberation army; we had not yet given them the name. It doesn't mean that since you have a liberation army they are the liberators of the people. No! The army and the people are integrated. The army is formed of cadre who have been sent by the people to learn the know how and then will go and impart this knowledge to the people. So they will learn from the people and the people will learn from them. Our political wing and our military wing are integrated; actually in the PAC we say that the gun can not control the party, the party must control the gun. Hence we have a strong Marxist-Leninist nucleus. We are still a mass organization as we are fighting a national liberation war, but we do have a strong Marxist-Leninist nucleus and we are having classes for the cadre to train them in Marxism-Leninism. And in time the cadre will meet with the masses at home and impart this.

UNITE! What can the people of the US do to aid the Azanian peoples struggle?

PAC: They can build support for the struggle. They can demand that trade and all arms sales be ended with the Vorster regime. And especially here in the US an end must be made to all US support of the racist regime. Any material aid that can be given is extremely helpful also.

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GIVING UP ON REVOLUTION, BUILDING FOR IMPERIALIST WAR . . .

CP(ML) Cries Appeasement

With the sharpening contention between the two superpowers, and the move toward imperialist war, forces that claim to be Marxist-Leninist have begun preaching support of their own bourgeoisie.

In the U.S. this is the stand of the recently founded Communist Party (ML). The CP(ML) calls for the U.S. working class to direct its main blow at Soviet social-imperialism.

This strategy, they say, is justified because the Soviet Union is not only the most dangerous of the two superpowers; it carries out aggresion under the signboard of socialism. In time of imperialist war, this logic will lead the CP(ML) to rally right behind the flag of the U.S. bourgeoisie. Already it has led them to scold the Carter wing of the ruling class for its "illusions" about appeasement.

How did the CP(ML) arrive at such an openly chauvinist position? They claim that their conclusions flow from the strategic considerations on an international level of Stalin's theory of the "main blow". According to the CP(ML) Soviet social-imperialism is the main compromising force or social-prop of world imperialism, and therefore, we should direct our main blow at the U.S.S.R. Seldom has a correct theory been so distorted and put to such dangerous purposes.

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To expose the utter chauvinism of the CP(ML), we need to look briefly at what Stalin said on the main blow:

"The most important function of strategy is to determine the direction which ought to be taken by the working class movement and along which the proletariat can most advantageously deliver the main blow at the enemy...." (Stalin, Vol. 5, page 166).

"...the Bolshevik strategy...called for the isolation of the compromising party in order to facilitate, to hasten the victory over the principal enemy." (Stalin, Vol. 6, page 402).

In these passages and their discussion, Stalin makes it extremely clear that the party of compromise, though in the enemy camp is not the main enemy. It is not the ruling force. Taking up a concrete case, Stalin discusses the Cadets, a Russian bourgeois parliamentary party, that prior to 1917 was the compromising party between the ruling czar and the majority of the people. But, says Stalin, once the czar was gone, "The Cadet Party had been transformed from a compromising force into a governing force, into the ruling force of imperialism."(Stalin, Vol. 6, page 403).

In the early 1960's, on a world scale the revisionists of the U.S.S.R. were exactly such a compromising party. Marxist-Leninists referred to them as the Soviet revisionist clique that compromised with and did the bidding of U.S. imperialism. Equally clear, today the social-imperialists of the U.S.S.R. can in no way be considered a compromising force or a social-prop. Like the U.S. imperialists, they now demand and get others to do their bidding.

But what of the U.S.S.R.'s lie that they are socialists? Claiming to be socialist while actually being imperialist means that they are social-imperialist. But, that has nothing to do with being a social prop or compromising force. After all, earlier czars claimed to be the "little father" of the Russian people. And the rapacious U.S. bourgeoisie claims to stand for freedom and human rights. The U.S.S.R. still are not compromisers. **The compromisers are those that back up such claims, that tell the working class to go along with the ruling forces and to put aside revolution.**

Here in the U.S., it is the trade union bureaucrats and the false parties like the CP(ML) that do that. They claim to fight the enemy but actually prop it up. They are in the enemy's camp. They are compromisers and not honest forces that often vacilliate in the face of the schemes of the props. We must unite with honest middle forces and help them to become steadfast. **We must strike the main blow at the enemy in the direction of the compromising forces.**

International Props of Imperialism

If it is not Soviet social-imperialism, who are the compromising forces on an international scale? Many are ruling forces in one country or another. Though bosses and lords at home, they are bought and allow themselves to be bullied by U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism.

How do they compromise? These forces preach detente, say that they are non-aligned, claim that they can achieve a new international economic order without the need for revolution. Some back up the U.S.S.R.'s claim that it is socialist and the natural ally of the national liberation movements. Others rally to the U.S.-dominated NATO against the U.S.S.R. which they pose as the main danger and the greatest source of war.

These forces that compromise with the two superpowers are allegedly some of the main leaders of the "third world" and of the "non-aligned". (see Tito Remains a Traitor to the Working Class p.12)

The real purpose of all these social props is to crush true national liberation movements and mislead honest democratic forces that have come to power but are not steadfastly upholding the real interests of the people.

The CP(ML), like the rest of the followers of the theory of the "three worlds" will not even point out and warn the working class and the national liberation movements of the true role of the international social props, much less suggest that the main blow must be struck at both superpowers along the direction of these compromising forces.

No, according to the CP(ML) we must uphold them as the main forces against the two superpowers. More to the point, the CP(ML) is hoping to line up these lackeys and the smaller imperialist powers on the side of the U.S. bourgeoisie and strike the main blow at the U.S.S.R.. It is this goal and not an innocent blunder that is back of their crude distortion of Stalin's theory.

War Cry of Appeasement

The CP(ML) has scolded the U.S. government, especially the "Carter circle" as they put it, for appeasing the U.S.S.R. They warn, "Like the Western imperialists who made concessions to Hitler before World War II, Carter's wing of the ruling class hopes to sidetrack the Soviet Union's aggressive drive by appeasing it. But the experience of World War II shows that appeasement only hastens the pace of the opponents aggression." CALL editorial, July 11, 1977.

Returning to the theme in September they write:

> "Carter and other appeasers of Soviet aggression are under the illusion that not "offending" Moscow is the best way to check the social-imperialists bid for world hegemony." CALL, September 5, 1977, p.11.

The CP(ML) puts forth the Hitler analogy as devastating, but in fact, it is a false one. As Mao noted, the appeasement policies of the U.S. and British bourgeoisie did not come from "illusions" but from the U.S. imperialists' schemes to gain by turning the Germans toward Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. The claim that Carter is appeasing the U.S.S.R. is itself the illusion. This is transparent in the July editorial of the CALL where they chastise Carter for dropping the B-1 bomber. Along with the most reactionary U.S. sabre rattlers, they glossed over the simultaneous decision of the U.S. bourgeoisie to pick up on the production of the cruise missile.

The CP(ML) is well along the road to a militaristic united front centered around NATO against the U.S.S.R.

Such plans obviously can not but help affect their view toward revolution. In M. Klonsky's political report to the founding congress of the CP(ML), he asserts,

> "The rate of war preparations is so rapid now that there is no possibility of civil war and the victory of socialism heading off the war. Therefore our task becomes one of transforming the inevitable superpower war into a revolutionary civil war."
> (Documents, CP(ML), p.44)

Marxist-Leninists recognize that imperialism breeds imperialist war, but it is wrong to conclude that war between the two superpowers is inevitable. This denies the basic teachings of Lenin that this is the era of proletarian revolution. As for the possibility that the revolutionary forces in other countries may significantly delay the outbreak of imperialist war or even prevent it, for Klonsky this merits no consideration at all.

While Klonsky is absolutely sure that superpower war will break out before revolution can stop it, he is not sure when the war itself will come. As he puts it, "The imperialist war may not break out right away. In the meantime we must get fully prepared. The key is bringing our correct stand on the war to the masses through our revolutionary Party. Our slogan of "turn the imperialist war into a civil war" must be transformed from a propaganda slogan into an action slogan." Documents, CP(ML), p.45.

Clearly what the CP(ML) is preparing itself for first and foremost is war. It is a party geared towards war preparations and not a party of revolution.

As to its supposed and sometime future task of transforming "turn the imperialist war into a civil war" into an "action slogan", just how does the CP(ML) expect to reconcile that with its other "reaction slogan" of strike the main blow at the Soviet Union?

The CP(ML)'s call to strike the main blow only at the U.S.S.R. justifies the most social chauvinist stand and is a call to deliver the U.S. working class into the hands of its main enemy, the U.S. bourgeoisie. It is nothing but the most deplorable posturing to then suggest that it will undo the great harm and turn the superpower war into a civil war. The CP(ML) is saying let us forge our alliance with the U.S. bourgeoisie now, so that we can better attack them later! This ruse is exactly the betrayal by the forces of the Second International that Lenin attacked so fiercely.

Against this kind of plan that is developing worldwide, the working class and its chief allies are forging a great alliance that will crush both superpowers, and the rest of imperialism and the compromising forces like the CP(ML) that mislead and attempt to split the working class and separate it from its true allies. ★

Long Live the Lessons of the October Revolutions!

The month of October marks the anniversary of two great revolutions, the October Socialist Revolution in Russia in 1917, and the Chinese Revolution in 1949. These two momentous victories to this day stand as signposts for the world's exploited and oppressed people, pointing the way forward and confirming the conclusions of Marx and Lenin about the fundamental character of the epoch of imperialism as the period of transition from capitalism to socialism.

Each year in commemorating these historic victories, the international working class reaffirms this correct understanding. And at the same time each year, the revolutionary people of the world solemnly pledge to take up the role of successors to these great revolutions with a renewed vigor. Each year of struggle brings the international proletariat closer to final victory over its arch enemy, the international bourgeoisie.

This year as we look back, it is essential we correctly grasp the lessons of October, in order to march confidently forward into the ever-escalating battles which lie ahead on our road to working class victory.

Looking Back

It is no exaggeration to call the October Socialist Revolution in Russia the most earthshaking event of the 20th century. Under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin, and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik), the Russian proletariat and peasantry dealt imperialism its first death blow. Transforming socialism from a scientific theory into a living reality, this revolution forever changed the course of world history. Previous social revolutions had only replaced one class of exploiters with another.

When the exploited class of slaves freed themselves from the slave-owning class around the time of the fall of the Roman Empire, these revolutions led to the rise of a new exploiting class, the feudal landowners of the Middle Ages. The great bourgeois revolutions of the 16th and 17th centuries freed the peasant serfs from the rule of the feudal nobility, only to chain them as wage slaves for the new capialist class. The October Revolution in Russia, however, was the first great social revolution in history to completely abolish the exploitation of man by man. The new ruling class was not an exploiting minority, but the vast majority of working people.

In two momentous ways this revolution placed the world capitalist system in grave danger. First, it breached capitalism at its front, in the developed imperialist countries. The Russian working class in alliance with the peasantry set a contagious example when they overthrew the capitalist class and seized political power. Secondly, it struck the bourgeoisie at the rear, in the colonial and dependent countries, by smashing the chains of national and colonial oppression in Russia. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, true democracy and the right of self-determination were possible for the oppressed peoples of great Russia, setting another contagious example for the oppressed peoples of the world. The yoke of imperialism and colonialism was not unbreakable.

Thirty years later, in 1949, after a protracted quarter century of armed struggle, the Chinese people overcame internal bourgeois reaction and Japanese and U.S. imperialism to seize political power for the Chinese proletariat and peasantry. Under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman Mao Tsetung, the new democratic state of the People's Republic of China was formed, again ending the exploitation of man by man, and removing another large part of the world from the imperialist camp.

While the Russian Revolution of 1917 struck the first mighty blow at imperialism, the victory of the Chinese revolution sealed forever the fate of imperialism as an economic and political system doomed to extinction.

Lessons for Today

Today, the significance of the great October revolutions is linked to correctly grasping the historic mission of the world's proletariat and the nature of the present epoch. Marxism-Leninism has summed up the epoch of imperialism as the eve of proletarian revolution, the triumph of Marxism-Leninism and the victory of socialism. The October revolutions and all successful revolutions since then are living proof that the old economic order is on the decline, and the new socialist order is on the rise.

Despite the zigs and zags in the class struggle, the temporary setbacks and revisionist betrayals, the fundamental contradiction of this epoch remains the same, that between labor and capital. It is a contradiction that can only be resolved through armed class struggle and which will be resolved on the side of the proletariat.

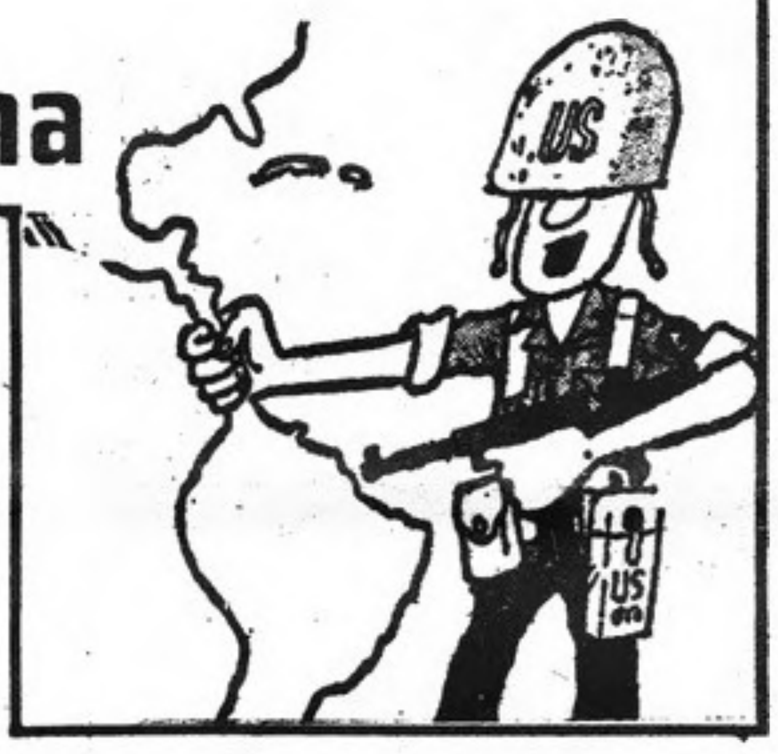
These two great revolutions, and the others that have followed in their wake, have answered for all time the fundamental question of the future of mankind, and answered it on the side of the working class. History stands on the side of the world's people.

Long Live the October Revolutions!

Victory to Socialism!

NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY . . .

U.S. Maintains Grip on Panama



On September 7, President Carter and Panamanian Head of State, Brigadier General Omar Torrijos Herrera signed the two treaties which will transfer full control of the Panama Canal to Panama in the year 2000. Both Carter and Torrijos face the difficult task of convincing their people to accept the treaty.

The basic treaty contains the following provisions:

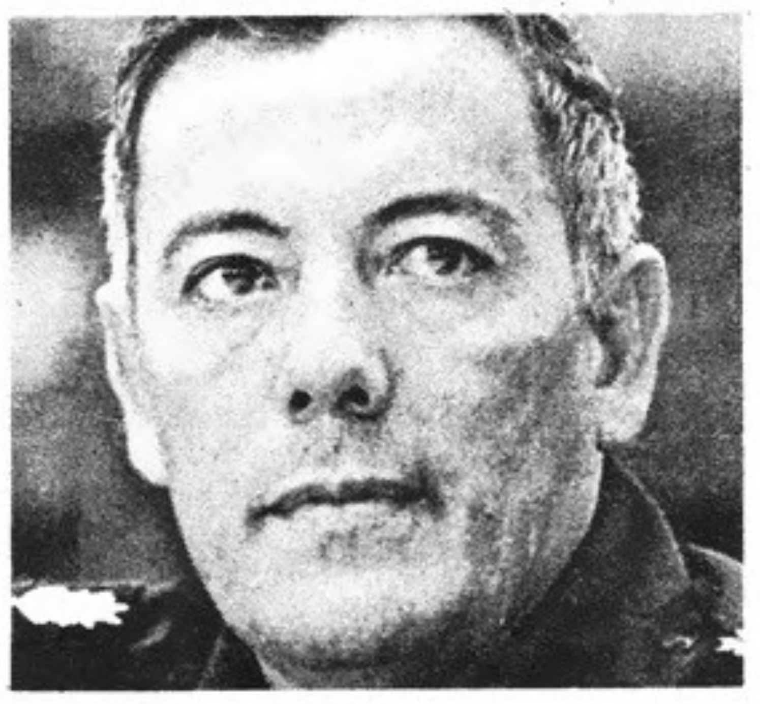
– It acknowledges Panamanian sovereignty over its own territority.

– The U.S. will provide Panama with about 345 million dollars of economic and military aid. The treaty will also increase Panama's canal receipts from 2.3 million to 60 million dollars a year, depending on the volume of canal traffic.

– The U.S. and Panama jointly commit themselves to coordinate joint defense. The U.S. is the primary protector and as such has the right to train, station and move military forces. They also have the right to the use of all land and water necessary for the canal's defense.

– Panama takes over fire protection, police, street cleaning, garbage and general maintenance of operating and housing areas for which they will get 10 million U.S. dollars and an extra 10 million, if canal income permits. Panama will also provide such things as courts, licensing, postal services, customs, etc.

– By 1999 all operational positions will be taken over by Panamanians.



The U.S. imperialists have pressured General Torrijos to compromise the rights of Panamanian people.

"A Pebble in Our Shoe"

The treaty, from the Panamanians point of view, does not qualitatively change the imperialist stranglehold the U.S. has over their country. Even Gen. Torrijos has called it "a pebble in our shoe" which the Panamanians must live with. There is no guarantee the U.S. will withdraw if it is not in their interest. Military bases still control over 30% of the Canal Zone. Among the bases is the infamous U.S. Army School of the Americas and the Inter-American Air Force Academy where Latin American dictators send their military officers for counter-insurgency training. As the U.S. continues to exploit the Latin American peoples they must necessarily maintain these bases in order to defend their imperialist aims.

Secondly, the U.S. gave up little financially. Instead of a cash settlement, the Panamanians were forced to settle for "economic aid", which ties Panama by 1000 strings to U.S. imperialism.

Though the new treaty increases Panama's share of the revenues from 2.3 million to 50-60 million dollars, this is still less than one fourth of the money earned from these revenues. In other words, the U.S. is still ripping off over three fourths of these monies. In fact, since the canal was built the U.S. has taken in over 22 billion dollars in revenue, and less than 2 billion has gone to Panama.

Finally, the treaty gives the U.S. unlimited rights to defend neutrality. The U.S. does not need to receive Panamanian permission to intervene if the canal's "neutrality is threatened". In other words, the U.S. maintains the right to intervene unilaterally forever in Panama.

So while the U.S. had to grant some extremely moderate concessions to the Panamanian peoples, the U.S. bourgeoisie got what it went after. They are still in control of the Canal Zone militarily, and economically. In the event of a war with the Soviet Union the control of the canal would prove to be extremely important. The U.S. could not risk the canal falling into the hands or under the influence of the other superpower.

The Panamanian peoples have shown their rejection of the new treaty. Already there have been large demonstrations to protest the treaty. The demand of the Panamanians is not for the right to have control over the garbage collection or a small increase in the revenues of the canal. Their demand is for the control, complete control, over their land. The Panamanian people's determination to achieve their just demand is growing ever stronger in the face of the complete sell-out by their own bourgeoisie to the U.S. imperialists. Although the Panamanians face a powerful enemy, U.S. imperialism, they will triumph in the end.

Long Live the Just Struggle of the Panamanian Peoples!

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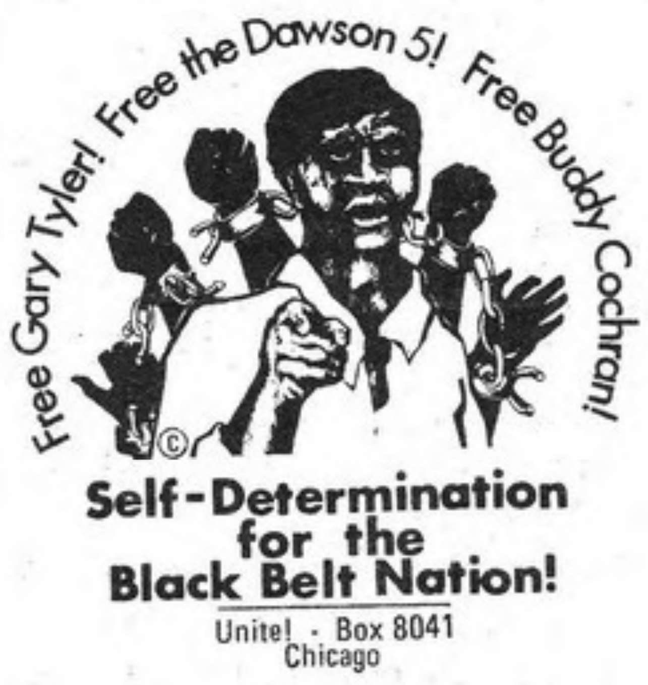
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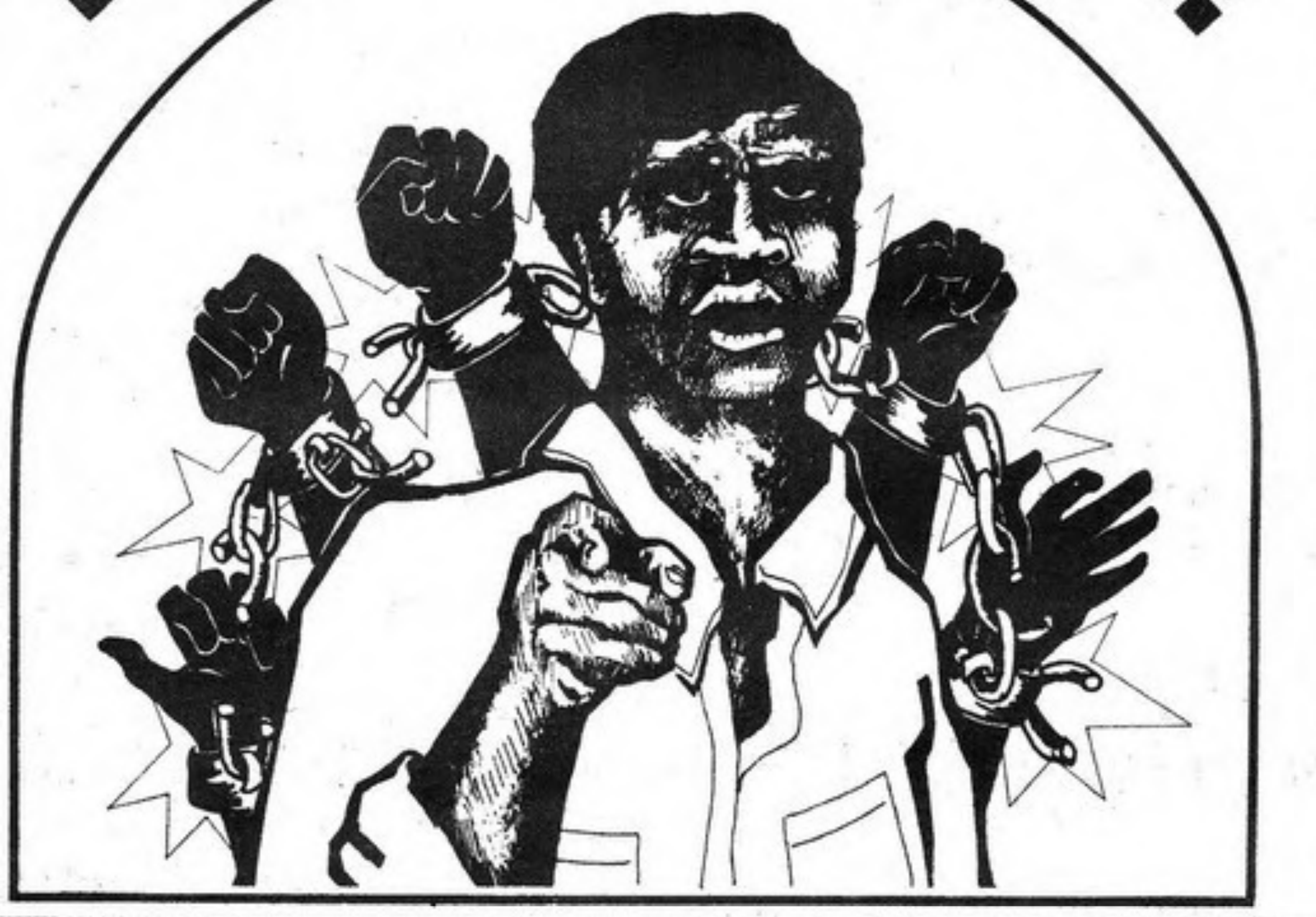

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NUWO: Dual Unionism and betrayal of the party

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other words, they raise the aspect of the bribery of a strata of the class from the superprofits of imperialism to the principal aspect of the class struggle. They conclude the class is too bought off to have a material basis for grasping and taking up the struggle for revolution.

Except for a mild speech at the closing of the NUWO congress, the struggle for socialism was "not on the agenda", as one worker in a trade union workshop was told. The low level of struggle was clear in most all the workshops. The low level of leadership by RCP cadre was also clear. In the miners workshop, people spent over an hour discussing whether or not the capitalists wanted the miners to strike over the loss of medical benefits, vainly trying to get some participation from the few rank and file miners who were there. With the serious state of affairs in the UMWA, and the militant, fighting mood of the miners, this is nothing but tailism at its very worst

Rubbing Shoulders Theory

How does the RCP propose to "eventually" bring the masses around to the struggle for socialism, since today only the struggle for the immediate demands is on the agenda? "As these kinds of classwide campaigns (referring essentially to economic strikes and demonstrations) get built, the movement of the working class will begin to take a qualitative leap to a higher level." (Ibid. RCP Pamphlet, page 34). The implications are that "getting out there and fighting" which was referred to so many times during the congress, will lead to a scientific understanding of the class struggle and to a correct program for proletarian revolution.

This is classic economism refuted by Lenin in WHAT IS TO BE DONE? decades ago. It underestimates the objective conditions for revolution in the U.S. today, tailing behind the spontaneous struggle. It belittles the fighting, class conscious activity of the workers, seeing the principal aspect of the U.S. working class as "bourgeoisified". It belittles the transforming role of theory and workers' ability to grasp the science of revolution, objectively belittling the historic mission of the proletariat. And finally, it belittles the role of the communist party, separates the party from the masses, and upholds the line of the "two movements". Nowhere was this more clear, in the past, than in their press. They have a "communist" newspaper, REVOLUTION, and they have their "Worker" papers. Now with the formation of the NUWO, they have their "communist" party (RCP) and their "workers party" (NUWO).

In Conclusion

When we condemn the RCP for forming the NUWO, we are condemning them for their revisionism on the question of the revolutionary role of the trade unions, the role of the party and the correct relationship between reform and revolution. The RCP has built the NUWO because in their own passivity and pessimism, they are unwilling to take up the struggle of the working class. They are unwilling to actively, tirelessly and fearlessly take Marxism-Leninism to the masses in the trade unions and in every major shop, mine and mill in this country. To cover for their own revisionism, they blame the masses, calling the class "bourgeoisified".

The formation of the NUWO is but another example of how the RCP is not the vanguard party of the working class. They have led the way over the past 10 years in revising Marxism-Leninism on all major questions facing the working class – on the role of the trade unions, the role of the party, and on the national question they have even gone so far as to say that Stalin's formulation of a nation no longer applies. Such revisers of the theory and practice of proletarian revolution can not possibly lead the working class except down the road of class collaboration.

—CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE DAWSON 5—

The fight for the lives and the freedom of the Dawson 5 has surged ahead as a result of some recent victories. After close to 20 months of being locked up, all of the youths are now out of jail. Another important victory in the case is that the new judge, Circuit Court Judge Leonard Farkas, ruled that the forced confessions of the youths would not be accepted as evidence.

The confessions of the youths were the result of extreme intimidation by the Dawson police. One of the youths was forced to confess at gunpoint. At various times others were also threatened with electrocution and castration.

The prosecutor realizes that these confessions are vital to his case against the youths and has vowed to appeal the ruling to the Georgia Sumpreme Court. The trial is recessed until the appeal is decided on. When throwing out the confessions, Judge Farkas stated "I don't have to give a reason." He added, "I did it in the interest of fairness and justice." By deliberately leaving this ruling vague, and by not saying that the confessions were the result of brutal intimidation of the youths at gunpoint, the judge covered for the Dawson police.

There is a chance that the court case may be dropped if the Georgia Supreme Court rules in favor of the Dawson 5, but this is not certain. This is why we can not stop building support. Now, at this critical point in the case, we must double our efforts. It would be easy for the Supreme Court to rule in favor of the prosecution if mass opposition isn't built to oppose such a ruling.

We can not rely on the courts for our justice, because they will not grant it. They will only give us some concessions if they are forced by mass pressure. This is a lesson that history has taught well. Thousands of innocent Black men and women, young and old, have gone to their deaths or spent their lives in prison because of a whole system of injustice that exists in the Black Belt South. And the courts are an essential part of this system of injustice.

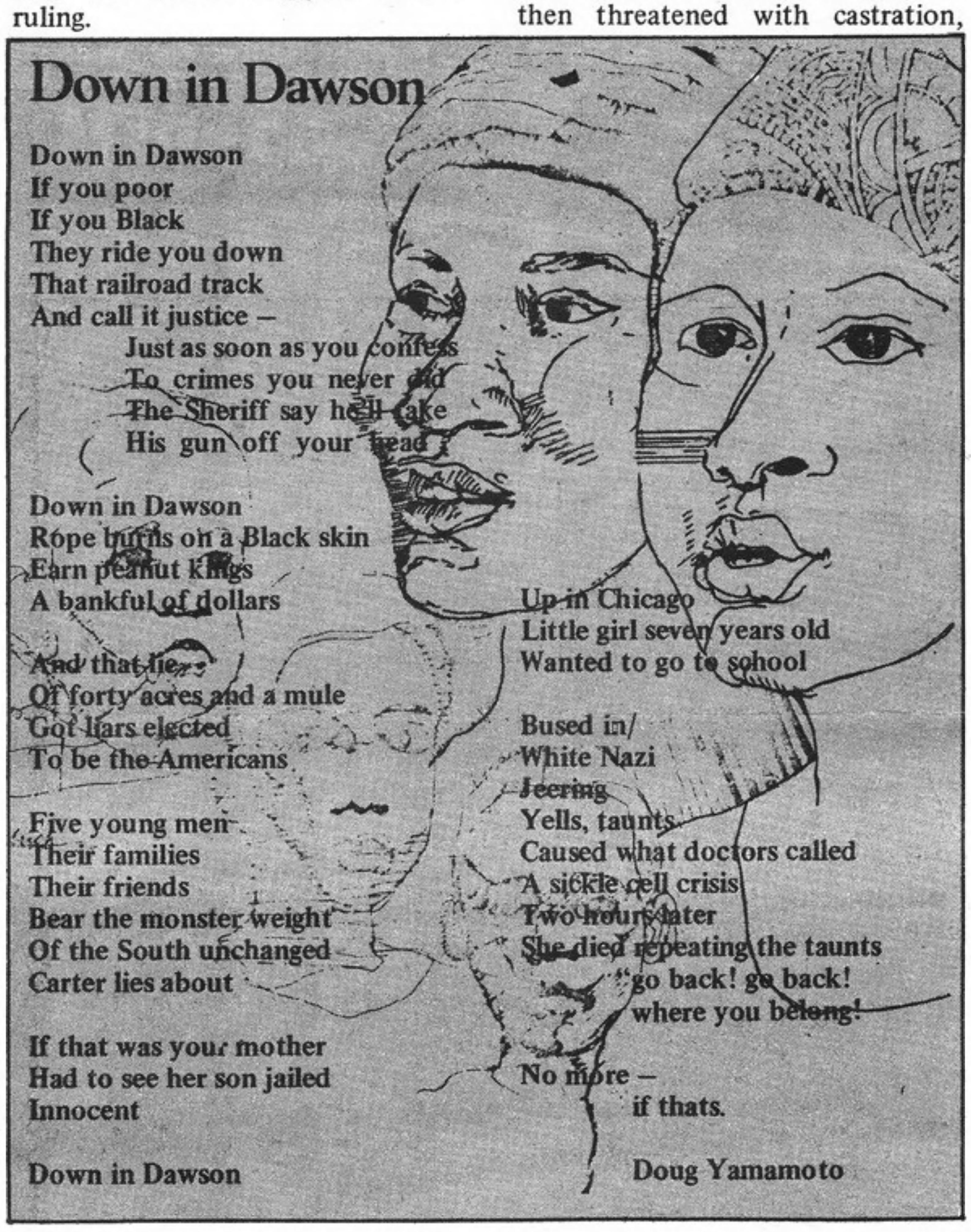
This is a system of national oppression that rules with open terror, whether by the Ku Klux Klan lynchings or police brutality. The Dawson 5 had nothing to do with the murder of Bubba Howell that day in Dawson, and yet they were framed on the murder charge, and then threatened with castration, electrocution and lynching by a Dawson police officer. Why? Because they are Black and poor and because someone was needed to hang the murder on.

The frame-up of these five youths testifies to the brutal class and national oppression that exist in the Black Belt Nation. This is why the case of the Dawson 5 can not be seen as an isolated case. It is not. All across the South, for decades, cases similar to this one have taken place. Lynchings, whether by the KKK or by the courts, are a known part of life in the South, as they are an integral part of the oppression of the Black Belt Nation.

The fighting call in the defense of the Dawson 5 is: **Free the Dawson 5!**

Self-determination for the Black Belt Nation!

Though active in the Gary Tyler defense, SCLC has come under fire from the Black masses for turning its back on the class.



Down in Dawson

Down in Dawson
If you poor
If you Black
They ride you down
That railroad track
And call it justice –
Just as soon as you confess
To crimes you never did
The Sheriff say he'll take
His gun off your head

Down in Dawson
Rope burns on a Black skin
Earn peanut kings
A bankful of dollars

And that lie
Of forty acres and a mule
Got liars elected
To be the Americans

Five young men
Their families
Their friends
Bear the monster weight
Of the South unchanged
Carter lies about

If that was your mother
Had to see her son jailed
Innocent

Down in Dawson

Up in Chicago
Little girl seven years old
Wanted to go to school

Bused in/
White Nazi
Jeering
Yells, taunts
Caused what doctors called
A sickle cell crisis
Two hours later
She died repeating the taunts
"go back! go back!
where you belong!

No more –
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Doug Yamamoto

Reformists in SCLC Exposed

On August 16-19, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held its 20th convention, commemorating its founding in 1957, with the election of new leadership as the main issue on the agenda. The SCLC has had politically ineffective leadership and growing financial problems since the 60's when it was under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr. SCLC has received wide-spread criticism from the Black masses, for many see that this once powerful civil rights organization has abandoned the Black liberation struggle. Struggle within the SCLC itself has centered on whether a newly-elected leadership would return to the streets or continue along the lines of "Black middle class appeal".

The convention opened with a $20-a-plate dinner, which attracted mostly petit-bourgeois Blacks and their white liberal companions, headed by Senator Hubert Humphrey. With the cost of dinner at $20 per person, it was no mystery why Black working and poor people did not attend. In the workshops, delegates – many of whom were working people throughout the Black Belt – raised strong criticism of SCLC's present leadership in taking up the struggle of the Black masses. One grass roots member told of problems in struggling to unionize a J.P. Stevens plant in North Carolina. He related how Black workers appealed to SCLC to lead boycotts and demonstrations against the Stevens plant, but the leadership refused. Criticism continued on SCLC, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and other civil rights groups, who, as one delegate simply put it, "these so-called leaders have a big salary and fine clothes, but care nothing at all for their working class and poor brothers." Black people are seeing more each day that SCLC cannot change continued unemployment, correct poor housing, nor fight against growing Klan activity.

What this SCLC convention, the King celebration, and the NAACP convention held earlier this year do show is that these reformist groups serve to divert the Black masses from the real struggle. They continue to deny the existence of a Black Belt Nation, and create illusions that capitalism will erase national oppression and police and Klan terror.

However, reality shows that exploitation and oppression of the Black masses in the Black Belt by US imperialism has intensified. US control of the land in the Black Belt is the material basis which perpetuates national oppression against the Black masses throughout the US. Feudal remnants continue to exist, for example, the use of Black prisoners who are forced to work in factories producing various textile products for which they receive no wages. Latest bourgeois statistics place Black unemployment at 14%, among Black youths at 40%. These figures equal Black unemployment just after World War II. Black people are still convicted by all-white juries even though Blacks constitute a majority population in many counties.

Here in the Black Belt, a program for self-determination is required. This means the seizure of the land and the factories from the control of the U.S. bourgeoisie. The demand of the masses in the Black Belt South is for revolutionary change and not reform!

Expose Reformers in the Black Liberation Movement!

Dawson 5 Benefit Held

Oakland, California – A dinner program to raise support for the Dawson Five was held September 9th. The Grace United Methodist Church donated its building, located in an East Oakland neighborhood, for the event.

The main speaker of the evening was a spokesman from the Dawson Five Support Committee working in Georgia. He laid out the outrageous facts of the case and talked about the resistance that is growing against legal lynchings in the South. He called for the right of self-determination for the Black Belt Nation and explained how enthusiastically the working masses are taking up this slogan in the South.

When the speaker opened the floor to discussion, a young Anglo man rose and stated that he was from Dawson, Georgia himself, and "everything the speaker has said is true." He described the schools he went to which were totally segregated from the Blacks—private schools for whites and inferior public schools for Blacks.

A Black worker from Caterpillar Tractor gave his strong support saying "this kind of injustice must be fought wherever it raises its ugly head!" Also, a Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee representative made a solidarity statement, linking the struggle to free the Dawson Five with the worldwide struggle against the capitalist system and for socialist society.

The spirits of the people was raised by the recitation of poems (see "Down in Dawson") and group singing of revolutionary songs.

Sixty workers and other progressive people came out for this benefit and everyone was determined to continue this struggle until the Dawson Five are set free and the dark forces that rule the land in the Black Belt South are thrown off the back of the working masses.

People in the Bay Area can contact the Bay Area Dawson Five Defense Committee by writing:

PO Box 484
San Leandro, Ca. 94577

Free the Dawson Five!

From Hawaii...

CHINATOWN IN HONOLULU FIGHTING EVICTIONS

This past summer, the City and County of Honolulu went to court to order the eviction of Aloha Hotel tenants so that the building could be demolished for being a health and safety hazard. It is not surprising that the building is in shambles as the landlord had not done any repairs for the last 15 years. The tenants themselves had to put boards down to reinforce the second floor and seal off other parts of the building which were unsafe.

To fight against the evictions, the People Against Chinatown Eviction (PACE) and its supporters occupied the building. For 9 days, defying court orders, they burned the writs of eviction and confronted the police with demonstrations and pickets. Using various forms of struggle over the past two years, PACE has succeeded in delaying the evictions at four other buildings which has allowed the organization time to strengthen its forces in the fight for decent low-cost housing.

Taking advantage of the contradictions within the camp of the enemy, PACE was able to force a compromise from the city. The City Council passed a resolution stating that "all evictions be halted until permanent housing and storefront plans (can) be agreed upon by PACE and the city." PACE then withdrew its tenants to another building one block away, which is also scheduled for demolition.

Having helped to build Hawaii, retired workers are now forced to live in rundown "hotels" on paltry pensions or social security.

Located in Honolulu's downtown district, Chinatown has a dual character. There are many small businesses, which people work in and which serve as "entertainment spots" for others. In between the small businesses, however, are apartments and rooms where 1,400 people live. To these tenants and small businesses, Chinatown is home. The low rents have attracted hundreds of retired Filipino men who have very little in income or savings. The majority of these retired workers were born in the Philippines and were brought to Hawaii to work on the plantations. Having helped to build Hawaii, they are now forced to live in rundown "hotels" on paltry pensions or social security. This is typical of the way capitalism treats the working class. **Older workers who can no longer produce as much profits or produce them as fast as younger workers must retire and are forced to live in the most intolerable conditions.**

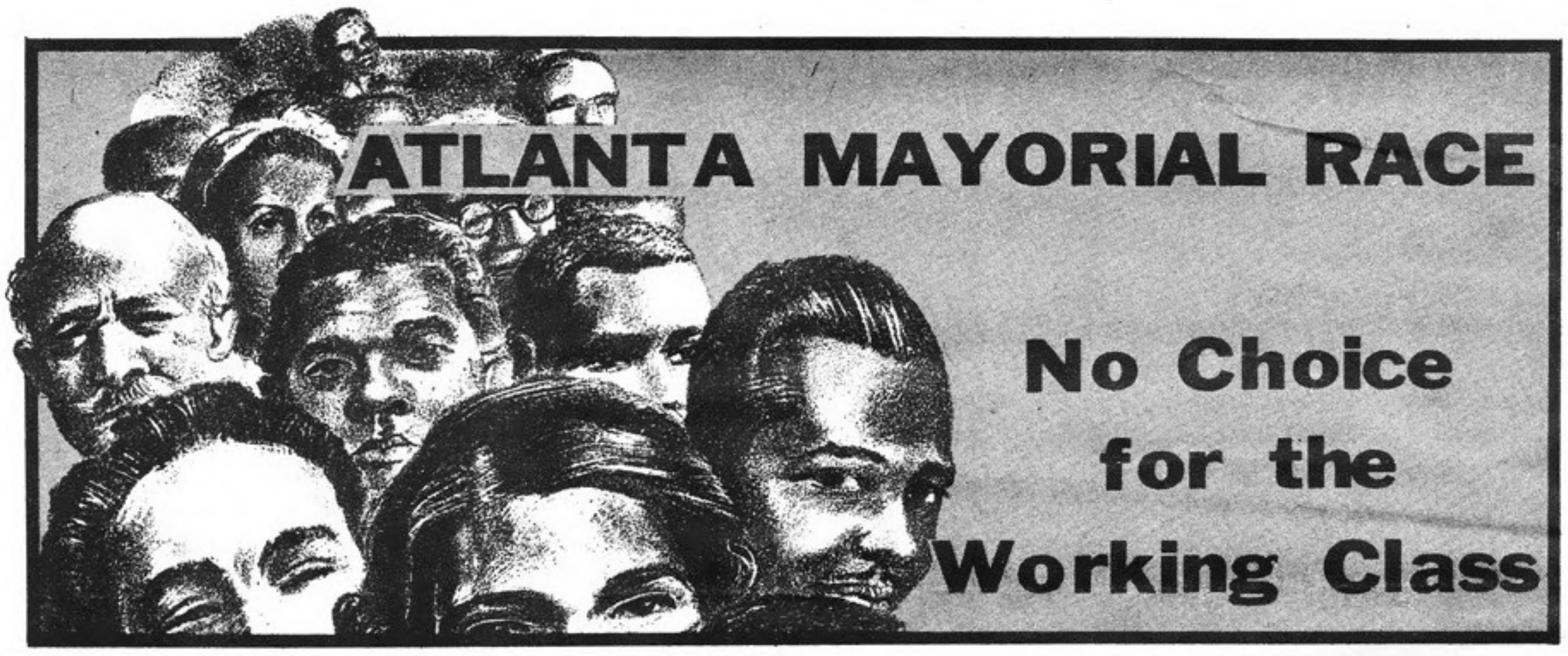
For the past twenty years, the bourgeoisie has been making and carrying out plans to "revitalize" Chinatown. This has meant kicking many people out of their homes and driving many small businesses under to build gaudy shopping plazas and expensive condominiums. This reflects capital's search for the **maximum profit obtainable.** There is growing reliance on tourism and expanding the role of Hawaii as a center for finance capital in the Pacific, not to ignore its primary significance as a military outpost. Among the advantages of tourism for the bourgeoisie is the fact that service workers are largely unorganized.

Chinatown is needed by the capitalists for planned expansion and more profits, and not for decent low-cost housing. The working and oppressed people demand good low-cost housing, and are prepared to fight for it, whether it is here in Honolulu, in cities like Los Angeles and Seattle, or at the I-Hotel in San Francisco!

Low-cost Decent Housing for Chinatown People!

Loc-cost Storefronts for Small Businesses in Chinatown!

PACE can be contacted by writing to PACE, 121 No. Pauahi St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817. Donations are welcome.



ATLANTA MAYORIAL RACE

No Choice for the Working Class

In Atlanta, Georgia, the pre-election candidates' carnival of political noisemaking, false promises, and demagoguery differs little from other political campaigns throughout the country. The only difference is that the incumbent and one of the main contenders are Black.

The present mayor, Maynard Jackson, is running on the slogan, "Maynard's record talks". This is true. Before his election, in 1973, Jackson drummed up the support of labor by walking on the picket line of the striking city workers. But when the city workers' contract came up this spring, Jackson, now as mayor, stalled until the workers were forced to go out on strike for their demands once again. Still Jackson refused to bargain and, instead, fired all the striking workers, using CETA funds to hire scabs. In the end the strike was broken. This action by Jackson clearly exposed him as a defender of the interests of the white ruling class against the workers, who were mainly Black.

Jackson has also posed as the defender of Black enterprise. He helped pass an ordinance guaranteeing the participation of Black contractors in the city's construction projects. But when the plans for the expansion of Atlanta's airport were drawn up, which required the largest single airport bond issue ever issued in the U.S., the mayor capitulated to the airlines and drew up a separate plan which allowed for less participation of minority contractors. This was a slap in the face to the Black petit-bourgeoisie, which is quite large in Atlanta.

These are just two examples of how Jackson has proven himself to be valuable to the white ruling class. As a result, when he declared his intention to run, they came running to him with open checkbooks in hand.

Jackson's main opponent is Emma Darnell, a Black administrator who served on Jackson's staff until she resigned in a flurry of accusations this February. In the beginning of her campaign, she attacked Jackson for his stand on the city strike and his failure to carry through on support for minority business. However, more recently, Ms. Darnell has ceased to mention these issues and instead has spoken more vaguely of "lack of leadership" and accuses the mayor or flip-flopping on issues such as Gay Pride Day. As Ms. Darnell herself says, "The basic fundamental difference between Maynard Jackson and myself is that he is an elitist and I am a populist and he has not denied it." Ms. Darnell represents the disenchanted Black petit-bourgeoisie who don't like things as they are but who are unwilling and unable to stand up against the white ruling class on behalf of the working class and oppressed peoples.

The other main candidate is Harold Dye, a white businessman. The main issue which he has raised has been an attack on the corruption within the Atlanta police department, which is headed by a Black commissioner, Reginald Eaves, a close friend and appointee of Jackson. Dye represents the more reactionary section of the bourgeoisie which, in spite of Atlanta's majority Black population, wants to turn back the clock and elect a white mayor. The majority of the white bourgeoisie realize, however, that the Black masses have to be "dealt with" and that a lackey such as Jackson is able to do the job better than any white could. With the firm support of the bourgeoisie and having no strong opposition, Jackson will undoubtedly win the election.

Workers and oppressed people, both Black and white, must learn from this election that it is not the color of the candidate's skin which makes the difference, but which class he or she stands with. Maynard Jackson has proven by his actions that he stands solidly in the camp of the bourgeoisie against the interests of the working class and oppressed people. The other candidates are merely weak carbon copies of Jackson – political hacks. This election clearly represents a falling out among thieves. **Working people should refuse to support any of these candidates. Workers and oppressed peoples should work to develop leaders who will come forward in the heat of class struggle to lead the masses, not just in a mayoral election, but more importantly, in the seizure of state power.★**

KKK RALLY HELD IN MISSISSIPPI

Pascagoula, Mississippi, Black Belt Nation – On August 27th, 1977, 600 people attended a rally of the United Klans of America. About 70 robed and hooded Klansmen were present. The Klan's attempt to rise again was evidenced by the fact that they chose Moss Point, the neighborhood of a Black housing project for the site of their degenerate rally. Black children could be seen peering around trees and over walls, with terror, at the white hate-rally across the street from their homes. The Klan put a lot of resources into this rally, bringing in the Grand Dragons from Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, Andy Harrison, National Youth Coordinator and student at the University of New Orleans, Klan attorney John Mays of Birmingham, the Women's Auxillary, and Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard. Before the rally began, the Pascagoula police escorted the Klan around town in a 37 car caravan. The Klan speakers stated that the Pascagoula police are the best they have ever worked with.

The purpose of the rally was to actively recruit the spectators that attended, mainly workers from Ingall's, the nations' largest shipyard. Their efforts did not pick up many new members. The crowd did not buy a lot of the insulting, ranting tirades that were thrown down to them as if they were stupid. More than half of the people had left the rally by the time it had ended. One group of six young white men walked away grumbling "liars!" in response to the verbal garbage that the speakers spewed at them.

KKK: On the Run and the Rise

The speeches of the Klan members themselves clearly pointed to the defensive, panic-stricken posture of the Klan at this time. There are several Klan organizations in existence around the country, each claiming to be the official Klan and in heated competition with each other. Much of the time of the rally was spent attacking the other KKK organizations.

Busing was one issue the KKK was able to use to play up on the sentiments of white workers at the rally. Every family attending the rally wants their children to have a decent education, something which will not be realized under the present system of capitalism. The Klan acts as a decoy for the capitalists, because instead of placing the blame for inherently poor quality education on the capitalist system which governs the schools, the KKK blames the poor quality education on the number of Blacks in the schools. This reduces the democratic right to attend a school of one's choice, and the demand for quality education into a racial question. The pages of **Unite!** and the work of the MLOC have consistently linked the right of Blacks to self-determination and the fight for quality education to the fight for socialism.

KKK Fanaticism

The Klan uses their religious fanaticism to try and fan the flames and take advantage of the fears of the growing number of impoverished white workers, dividing them from Black, Latino, and Asian coworkers, pitting the class against itself. This serves no other class's interest than the capitalist themselves, which explains the friendly protection the Pascagoula police department provided them.

KKK: Pistol-Packing Hoodlums

The recent attacks on the Klan rallies in Plains, Georgia, and Columbus, Ohio, reveal that there is a mounting public sentiment to smash the KKK. The Pascagoula rally was forced to encase themselves with a ring of parked cars so no one could ram a car into the rally. Tear gas canisters were sold on the literature table (beside the "Buy American Products" stickers). It took more than 100 people (one-sixth of the crowd) to do security. Even more people were packing pistols.

In response to the "commie-jew-nigger" garbage of the Klan, one Black shipyard worker stated, "If all of the Blacks, Jews, Puerto Ricans, and angry whites that hate the Klan so much could just get together and get organized, we could go to one of their rallies and raise such hell that we would make sure they would never hold another rally again. But we got to get together."

KKK Serves Ingall's Owners

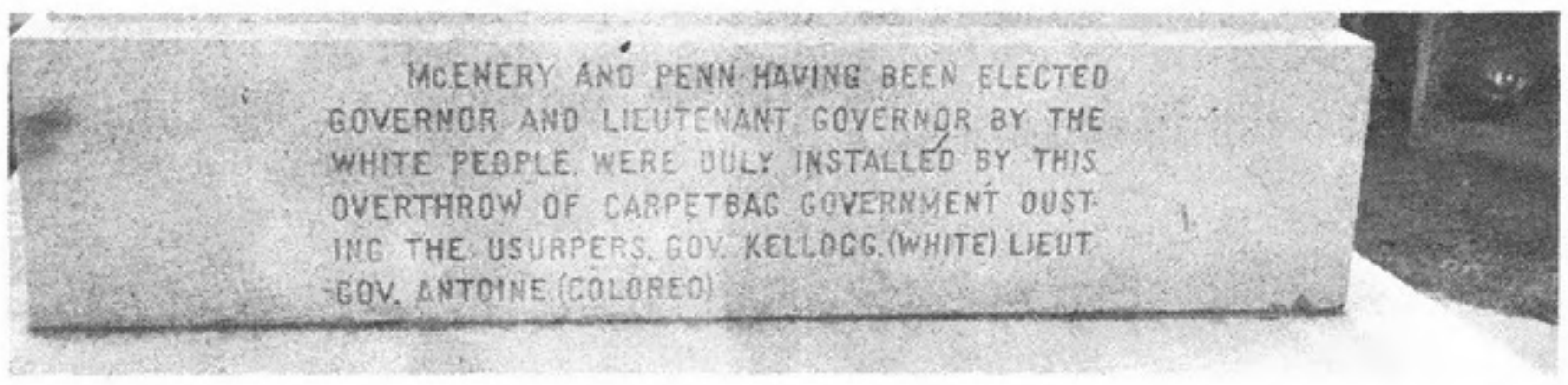
There is no coincidence that the Klan chose Pascagoula as the site for their rally. That city is the home base for Ingall's Shipyards which is now contructing 20 naval destroyers for the U.S. Navy, as well as several nuclear submaries. Ingall's workers are gearing up for a possible two month strike early in 1978. The imperial wizard at first attacked the unions but then retracted this position after hearing the stirring amongst the crowd. He said that union leaders walked hand-in-hand with "commie-jew-nigger leaders" in the civil rights movement.

After the rally, the Klan announced their intention to march through the streets of Mobile, Alabama on September 27th.

The MLOC firmly and resolutely puts forward "Death to the Klan" as an agitational slogan at this time. The work of the MLOC to build a genuine communist party will lead to the day when our ranks are disciplined and organized so that we can turn this agitational slogan into one of **action**.

Death to the Klan!

A Monument to White Supremacy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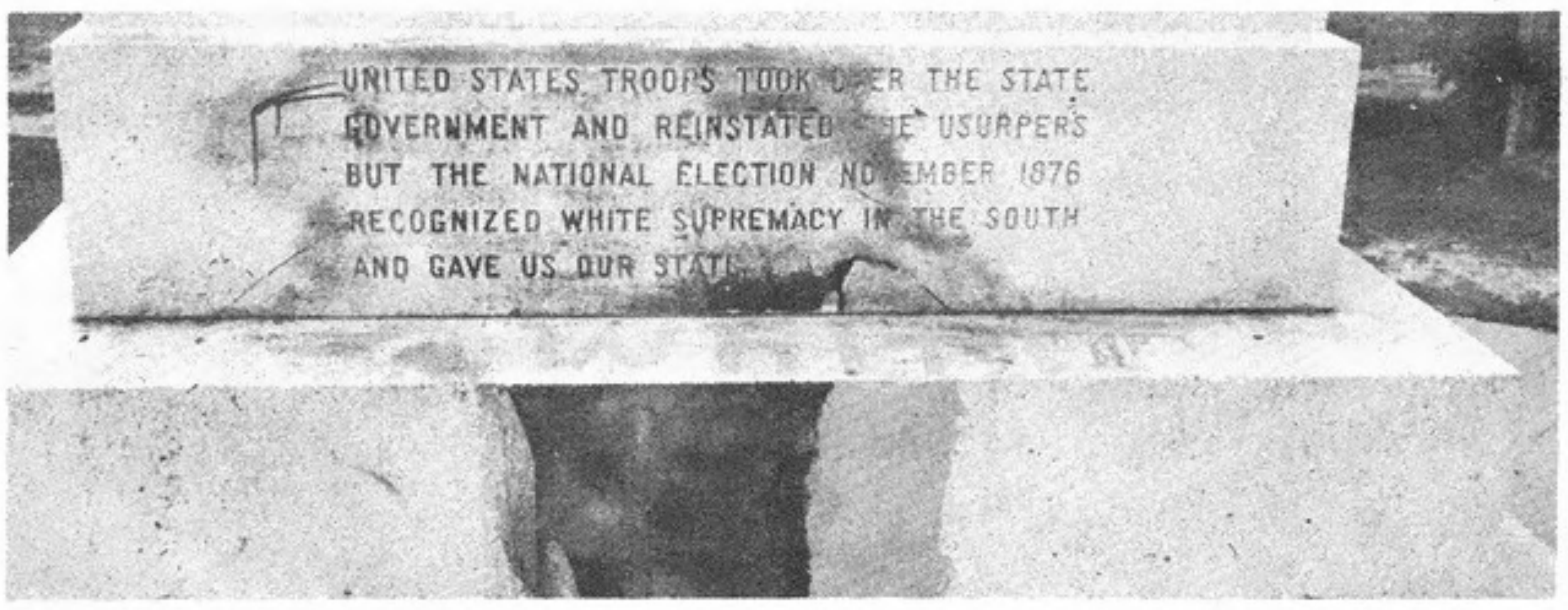
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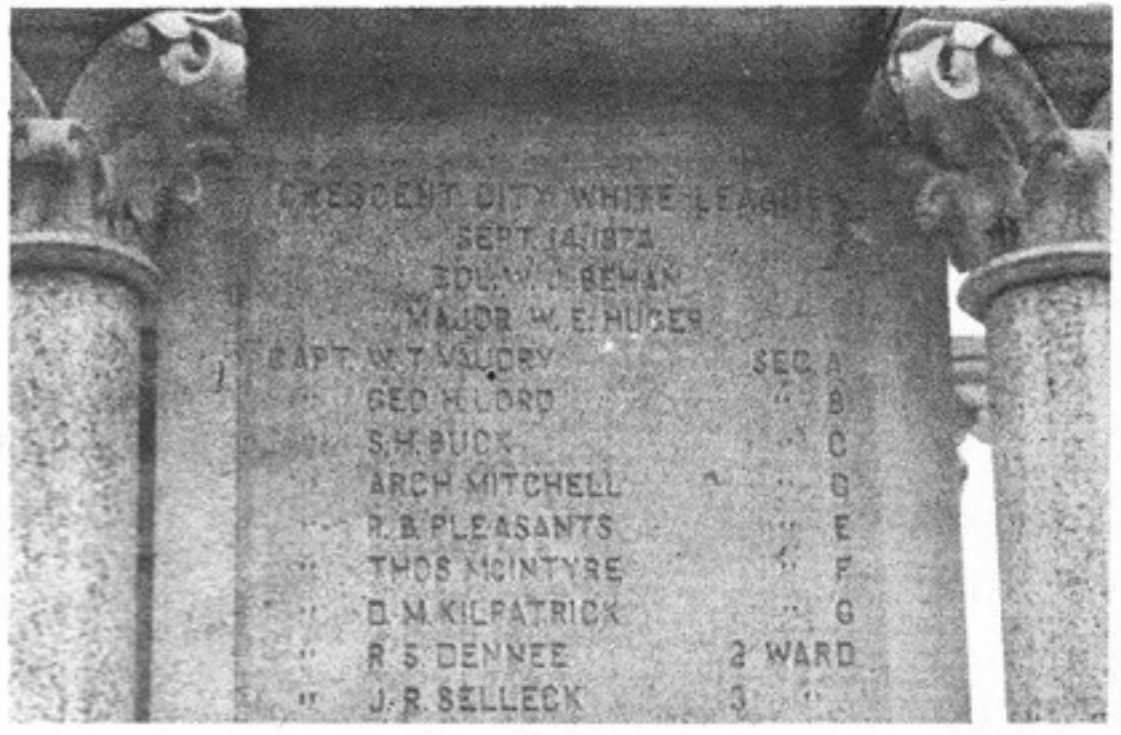


The foot of Canal Street, right at the Mississippi River, is an area of New Orleans undergoing "urban renewal". Gleaming high-rise hotels and convention centers have recently risen over run-down warehouses. But one signpost of the past has been saved amongst all this "renewal": a monument to white supremacy. The monument exalts the failure of Reconstruction and the "legal" restoration of white aristocrat rule. It is a monument to these aristocrat's success in denying Blacks ownership of land and the right to vote. Though there has been struggle raised in the past to remove this despicable monument, its continued existence gives powerful proof that the "new" South has plenty of reminders of past and present oppression of Blacks.

Sterilization Conviction Reversed

The state recently overturned the two-year-old conviction of a South Carolina obstetrician for violating the civil rights of a young Black woman. Dr. Clovis Pierce of Aiken had dismissed Shirley Brown from Aiken County Hospital in 1973 after she refused to be sterilized after the delivery of her baby.

The recent ruling said that the doctor has the right to refuse to accept expectant mothers who decline to submit to voluntary sterilization. At that time Pierce was the only obstetrician in Aiken Co. who would take women on welfare. His policy was to sterilize welfare women who already had two children . The court stated that, "At no time is he shown to have forced his views on any mother." According to this ruling, a woman in this situation would have to move to another county, or try to find a doctor willing to travel to her county and hope that she had a long labor. This can be considered nothing but force!

This is a striking example of the severe oppression and fascist genocide forced upon poor women, especially Black women, in the Black Belt South. We demand a reversal of this fascist state ruling. The right of women to determine what medical treatment to have, particularly concerning birth control, must be upheld! ★

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

Workers' Movement

SPAIN – Chanting, **"Long Live Basque Liberty!"**, 75,000 Basque demonstrators gathered near Isuna (Pamplona) on August 28. It was the largest rally against Spanish national oppression of the Basques since the Spanish Civil War of the 1930's.

Militant chants broke out from the crowd demanding independence for the 2 million Basque people, political freedom, and amnesty for political prisoners. They also demanded the release of ETA (Freedom for Basque Nation) leader, Miguel Angel Apalatequi.

Beginning August 19, violent clashes took place between police and demonstrators in Donostia (San Sebastian). The protestors demanded self-determination for the Basque people and freedom for political prisoners. When attacked by the police, they fought back courageously and set up street barricades.

The Basque people are determined to win their freedom, uniting with the revolutionary and anti-fascist movement which is rapidly gaining strength throughout Spain★

URUGUAY – In July, the repressive forces of Uruguay and Argentina, acting together, arrested anti-fascist leader Jesus Suarez and his family in the city of Concordia, Argentina, where they were living in political exile. His brother, Luis Suarez, was detained the same day in Salto, Uruguay, which is across the border from Concordia. The police of Argentina and Uruguay have not released any information about the fate of the prisoners, so there is serious fear for their lives.

Also, September 17, marks the second year since Mario Echenique, Political Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Uruguay was arrested in Argentina.

In an urgent effort to expand the campaign demanding the release of these comrades, people are asked to write:

Minister of the Interior
Gral Albano Harguindeguy
Ministry of the Interior
Republic of Argentina

INDIA – Thousands of workers in India are carrying out powerful demonstrations against the reactionary regime of Moraji Desai to demand guaranteed jobs and to protest high levels of unemployment.

After Desai told the Indian Parliament he would not meet workers' demands, several thousand workers demonstrated in front of his home to denounce the government. During the demonstration clashes erupted between police and workers.

Workers in various parts of India have launched a large number of strikes and demonstrations to resist intensified exploitation and oppression. In late July, 30,000 workers in Bombay were on strike demanding guaranteed jobs, pay increases and improved working conditions. Thousands of workers in Calcutta and Delhi were also on strike and demonstrating in the street

National Liberation

NAMIBIA – "The Namibian people and the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) will never lay down arms until total victory." This statement by Kaloman, a SWAPO representative shows the determination of the Namibian people on the 11th aniversary of the launching of armed struggle against South African occupation.

Kaloman said that the Namibian people should reinforce and close ranks behind their movement and keep vigilant against all kinds of neo-colonialism. "Our struggle." he continued, "is both long and arduous. Our people will carry it through to the end at whatever price."

ANGOLA – In Angola today, under the brutal suppression of the Neto regime, puppet of Soviet social-imperialism, farmland is laid to waste, there is an extreme shortage of grain, production is halted and the people are in dire poverty.

But the Angolan people have refused to accept the new reign and are actively engaged in guerrillawarfare against Soviet mercenaries, laying ambushes, setting up roadblocks, making surprise assaults and repeated attacks. The Cuban government has just rushed 4,000 more troops to Angola in an attempt to prop up an unpopular government.

Workers of the coffee plantations have refused to work for the Soviet-hired mercenaries. Also, the peasants have refused to supply the market with grain. The Angolan people, through their own experience, have come to see more and more clearly a ferocious enemy in that self-proclaimed "natural ally", the Soviet Union and its puppet Cuban troops★

AZANIA – Steven Biko, founder of the "black consciousness movement" and a leader of the youth movement in Azania, died on September 12 of "starvation" while being held in security police detention in Pretoria.

Reports claimed he died following an 8 day hunger strike, but much controversy exists around the circumstances of his death and foul play is suspected. The latest reports show massive brain damage, the result of a severe beating.

Demonstrations and memorial meetings were held at university campuses and in every major city in Azania. 1200 students were arrested at the University of Fort Hare where Mr. Biko once attended. Police used whips, rubber bullets and batons to disperse youths throughout the country during memorial services. Police fired on students in Soweto, who were demonstrating in protest of the death of this beloved leader★

PHILIPPINES – Over 2,000 Filipinos demonstrated in Manila against the martial law regime of Ferdinand Marcos. Over 100 people were injured when police attacked with clubs and high pressure hoses after blocking off the streets where the march was held. The march was "illegal" under the martial law decree of 1972.

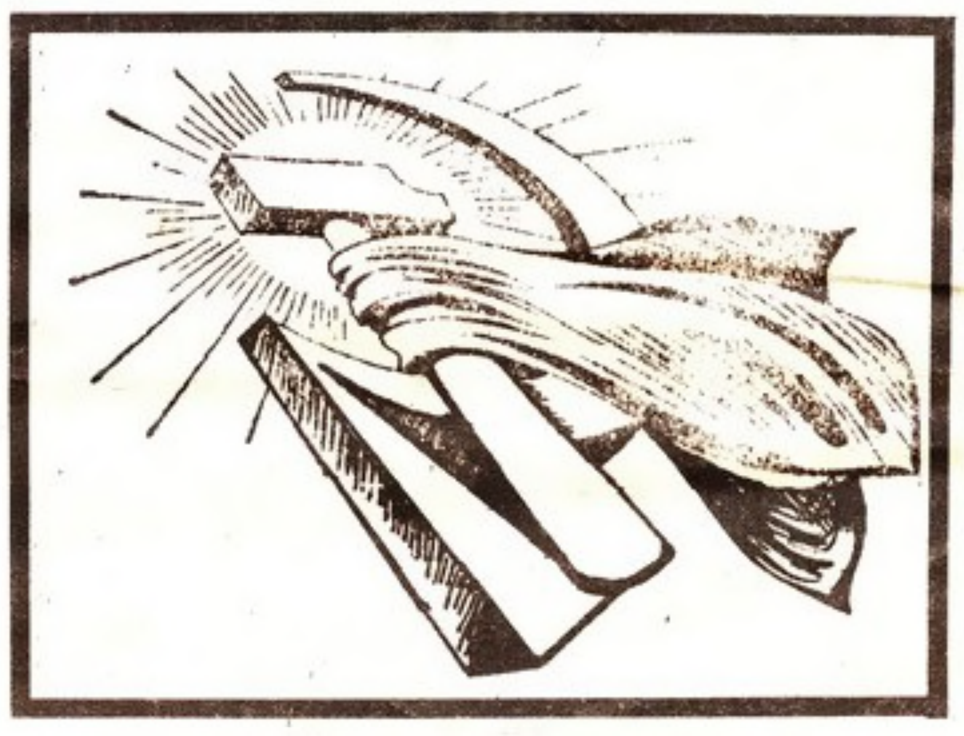
The government's brutal attack exposed the hypocrisy of Marcos' recent announcement that he plans to end martial law in the "near future". This month marks the 5th anniversary of the imposition of martial law under which strikes and demonstrations have been outlawed and thousands of government critics thrown in prison.

Socialist Construction

ALBANIA – On August 8th, the Albanian Anti-Fascist Youth celebrated the 33rd anniversary of their founding congress, under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA). The Albania youth made a great contribution to the anti-fascist national liberation war. They threw themselves into a life and death struggle against the occupiers and traitors and displayed "innumerable acts of heroism, sacrifice, and self-denial."

In the post-liberation years, the Albanian youth, under the leadership of the PLA, enthusiastically engaged in the battle for the reconstruction of the homeland, for the strengthening of the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the building of socialist economy and socialist education and culture.

That first congress taught the youth a great lesson: "it [youth] must be on the front ranks of the struggle for the cause of the Party, the people, and the homeland. Our heroic youth will always bear this teaching in mind."★



VIETNAM – An important resolution on the development of agriculture was adopted at the second plenum of the 4th Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers Party. The resolution notes that the completion of agricultural collectivization in the northern provinces has facilitated building of water conservation, soil improvement, seed selection and the creation of favorable conditions for building the material and technical bases for agriculture .

In the south, since liberation, land has been distributed to the peasants and a "seething movement is rising among the peasant masses to increase crops and realize intensive farming.

But while agriculture is developing, labor productivity is still low. In the south, agriculture still bears an individual character and does not yet meet the people's food needs. "Nor has it supplied enough fodder for stock breeding, raw materials for industry and commodities for export. It has not yet become a reliable basis for the development of industry".

A self-criticism was put forward at the Congress that mistakes were made in guiding, organizing and implementing the Party's line and policy on agriculture and on agricultural development from small to large-scale socialist production.

The resolution calls on the entire Vietnamese people to follow the Party lead on rectification of these errors by launching a mass movement for the development of agriculture, of land reforestation and water conservation.